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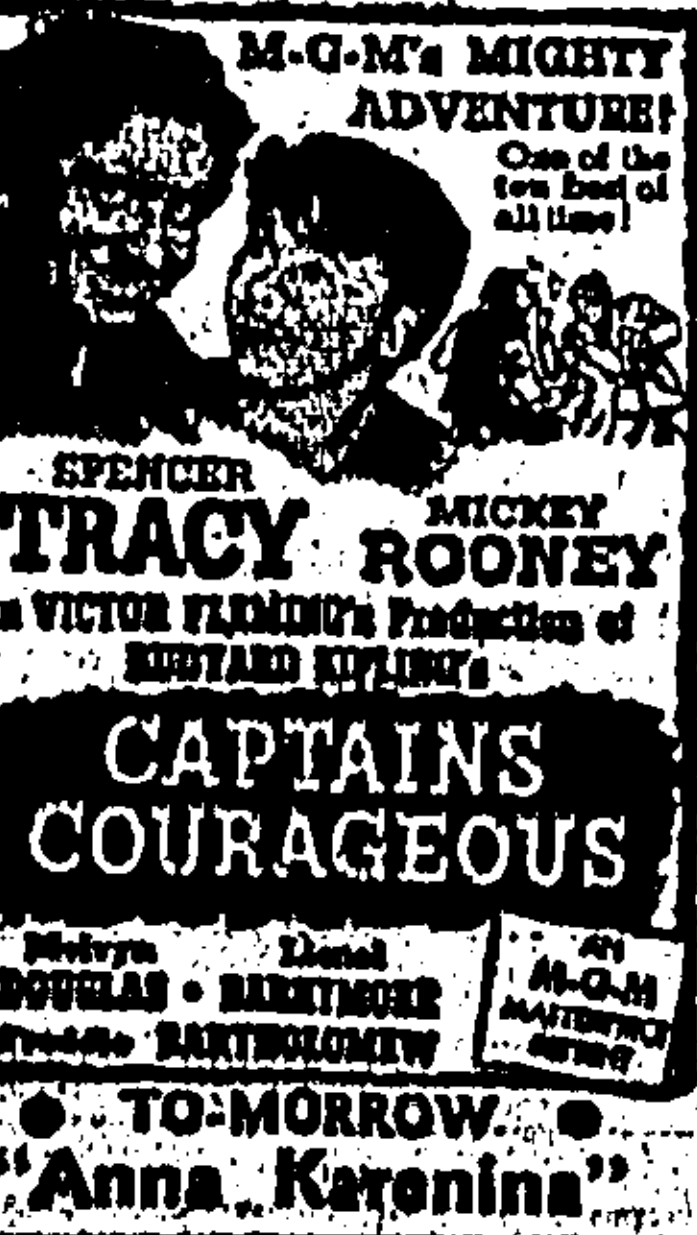
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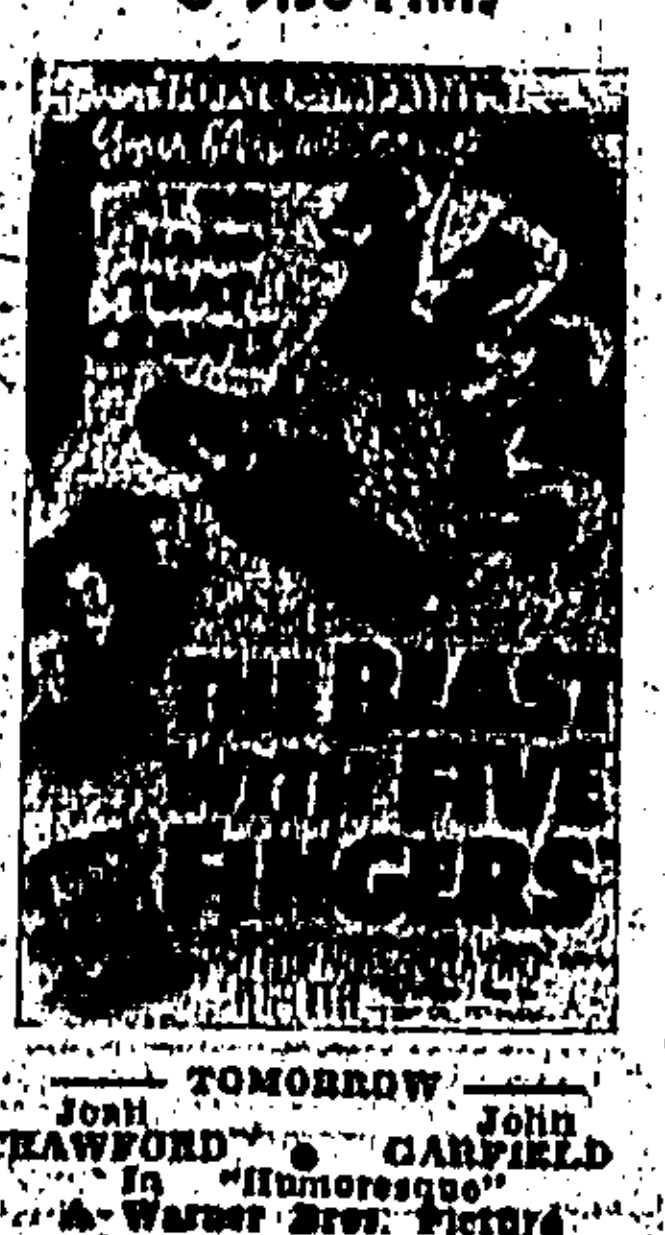
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PRICE OF MEAT TO GO UP

Result Of New Pact With Argentina

London, Apr. 24. The good news to Britain—that Argentine beef will be coming this way again soon—was tempered today by an announcement in Parliament that the price will be raised.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Gaitskill told the House of Commons that Britain had made a satisfactory deal with Argentina in the new trade agreement which will bring the meat to this country.

But Food Minister Maurice Webb said the Government's decision not to increase food subsidies will mean: "The retail price of meat will have to go up. The increase will be about threepence a pound on the average."

The Deputy Conservative Party leader, Mr. Anthony Eden, felt that at first glance the new agreement, signed yesterday in Buenos Aires, "does seem to put pretty heavy additional obligations upon this country." He referred to financial arrangements and satisfaction of Argentina's claims for payment of losses entailed in the British revaluation of the Pound Sterling.

The agreement ended 10 months of British-Argentine deadlock over Argentine demands for higher prices, during which no Argentine meat had been shipped to Britain. The agreement cleared the way for a similar accord between Britain and Uruguay.

Britain will pay a higher price than before and get 100,000 less tons of meat than formerly, but the agreement calls for a cut in the amount of coal, oil and tin Britain will send to Argentina. This bulk of the first meat to Britain will be about 60,000 tons of frozen beef now ready for shipment. There also will be 30 tons of corned beef. —Associated Press.

Memorial Service For Bevin

London, Apr. 24. Nearly 2,000 people—personal friends, British statesmen, foreign Ambassadors and trade union workers—crowded into Westminster Abbey today for the memorial service for the late Mr. Ernest Bevin, former Foreign Secretary.

Outside the Abbey a crowd of about 3,500 stood in the Spring sunshine. Among the statesmen attending in top hats and morning coats was the Prime Minister, who left St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, where he is seeking treatment for duodenal trouble, to attend the memorial services for his former close friend and colleague.

Present also were Commonwealth and Dominion representatives and High Commissioners. Near them sat Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill. Arab and Far Eastern emissaries in colorful national dress arrived at the service in beflagged diplomatic limousines. Four hundred workers, representing the Transport and General Workers' Union, which Mr. Bevin built up as the largest organization of its kind in the world, arrived by bus to pay a last tribute to their old chief.

The King and Queen were both represented at the service. —Reuter.

Proposal For A Cease-Fire

Lake Success, Apr. 24. The American Association for the United Nations, a private organization formed to foster the aims of the UN, in a letter to the chief U.S. delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, suggested that the United States propose an immediate UN cease-fire in Korea.

It said extension of the war beyond Korea should be the responsibility of the United Nations with the full co-operation of the United States, but warned against fighting "an old-fashioned war in which the only objective is military victory." It added that General MacArthur "lost sight of the role in the UN in collective security action in Korea through the acts which led to his dismissal." —United Press.

London, Apr. 24. Dr. Karl Gruber, Austrian Foreign Minister, arrived in London by air from Vienna this afternoon on a three-day official visit at the invitation of the British Government. —Reuter.

FLOOD WATERS HOLD SWAY



The flood waters held sway when this picture was taken on the Windsor Racecourse last week. Heavy rains had caused the Thames to burst its banks and overflow, and the racing programme was cancelled.

Strong Attack On Herbert Morrison

Kansas City, Apr. 24.

Alf Landon, the 1936 Republican presidential candidate, today attacked the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, for interpreting the firing of General MacArthur as meaning the United States wants to accept "the British policy of unconditional surrender in Korea."

In a speech Mr. Landon called for a revival of true bipartisan policy and pleaded for a public relations campaign to mend "the open break between the United States and Britain" and "sell" American policy to other free nations within the United Nations.

Mr. Landon charged the State Department was "losing round after round to the Kremlin." He said: "Mr. Morrison's proposal for complete surrender to the Chinese Reds completely and fundamentally changes the international situation—if that is to be the policy of Great Britain. We are at the present time too much alone."

The United States was "being stabbed in the back by our fearful friends desiring a temporary respite at all expense." He said General MacArthur does not take seriously news stories from Washington about a smear campaign being started against him by the Administration. He said: "They can search his record until hell freezes over without being able to pull out the slightest reference which will not be to his fullest credit." The General stood firm on his assertion he would have no part in politics.

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He charged that Britain was undermining the United Nations in the same way it weakened the League of Nations by refusing to join in sanctions against Japan during the Manchurian war in 1931. —United Press.

Working Until They Drop

Buenos Aires, Apr. 24. "Work marathons" have started in three small factories here. The Government is to set up "world production records" and spur the rest of the country to work harder.

Workers of two lead pipe factories and of a rubber plant intend to stay at their benches until they drop from exhaustion, taking only 15 minutes off every four hours.

Their effort is sponsored by the State-controlled General Confederation of Labour. The contest was set last week by two workers making tin lanterns. They both finished up in hospital, one after 78 hours and the other after 98 hours. Both were back at work today. —Reuter.

BATTLE WITHOUT BULLETS

Karachi, Apr. 24. More than 100,000 volunteers launched a mighty offensive in a "battle without bullets" in a desperate bid to halt huge locust swarms in the Punjab which threaten to ravage the grain bowl of Western Pakistan.

The volunteers included farmers, school children, villagers and soldiers working under the Punjab Ministry of Agriculture. The offensive operations call for mass dusting with poisonous powder in infested areas and digging trenches where the locusts will be killed and buried. —United Press.

Belgrade, Apr. 24. Five days after his operation for the removal of gallstones, Marshal Tito is up and about and his condition is quite normal, a bulletin said tonight. —Reuter.

MacArthur's Adviser Keeps Issue Alive

Alleged Approval Of General's View By Joint Chiefs

New York, Apr. 24.

General MacArthur's personal adviser said today that the endorsement of the General's views by the Joint Chiefs of Staff is complete in official records.

Answering questions put to him by the Press, Major-General Courtney Whitney said the endorsement he had in mind appeared in one message. Asked, "Did it contain overall approval?" General Whitney replied that was his interpretation of the message.

He disclosed that Lieutenant-General Matthew Ridgway, shortly after taking command of the Eighth Army in Korea, had sent a very strong personal message to the Pentagon through General MacArthur advocating the use of Chinese Nationalist troops "to strengthen our position."

General Whitney said all senior United States officers in the Far East Command, "and certainly the air and naval heads—as far as I know are in accord with that view."

General Whitney was asked to identify the air and naval heads, and name Lieutenant-General George Stratemeyer and Vice-Admiral Turner Joy. General Whitney replied: "I am not going to expose General MacArthur's hand in its entirety."

These remarks were in response to the following question: "In his message to Congress on Thursday General MacArthur said he knows of no military leaders concerned with the military operations in Korea who oppose the views he expressed regarding the use of Chinese forces in Formosa. Does that apply to all senior officers in the Far East?"

General Whitney said General Ridgway had sent this message as soon as he had arrived and thoroughly reviewed the situation. General Ridgway, although sending the message through General MacArthur, addressed himself personally to General Collins, Army Chief of Staff. General Whitney said that as far as he knew, none of the military leaders had shifted his opinion since.

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"IKE" ON VISIT TO N. ITALY

Udine, Apr. 24.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Military Commander for the Atlantic Pact, arrived here today to inspect the Italian defenses on the fringe of the Iron Curtain.

Tomorrow the General will watch Italy's Atlantic Pact troops on manoeuvres. General Eisenhower was met at Udine's Campo Formido airfield by the Chief of the Italian General Staff, General Elio Marras. The Army Chief of Staff, General Ernesto Capra, was also there with his Air Force counterpart, General Aldo Urbani.

The town of Udine—local point of Italy's defenses across the "gateway" to Yugoslavia and Eastern Europe—was as quiet as any provincial town on a working afternoon.

There was no evidence of large police forces like those thrown into Rome for his visit last January—and no communist campaign of strikes against his visit.

Tomorrow General Eisenhower will see the famed Alpine troops in action over the snow-covered heights of Gavazzo Carnica, about 21 miles north of Udine. The Alpine are expected to carry out an attack with air support. —Reuter.

Arms Plant Destroyed

Saigon, Apr. 24.

French Union forces destroyed an armament factory and food supplies belonging to the Vietnamese about 28 miles east of here, a French Army communiqué claimed today.

In Central Vietnam, combined French Army and Navy operation led to the destruction of a great number of Vietminh junks near Donghol, about 53 miles northeast of the Annamese capital of Hue, the communiqué added.

French troops killed more than 33 guerrillas and captured 27 in operations in the rest of Indo-China, excluding Tonkin, during the last 24 hours. Air Force planes heavily pounded Vietminh installations in the area about 25 miles north of Saigon. —Reuter.

BROTHERHOOD TO RESUME

Calao, Apr. 24.

Both houses of Parliament passed the Societies bill on Monday night, permitting 1,000,000-strong Moslem Brotherhood to resume political activities but not to reform its semi-military detachments.

The Brotherhood, which is powerful throughout the Middle East and has its headquarters in Calao, was banned on Dec. 10, 1948, on charges of terrorist activities. Three weeks later, Premier Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha, who issued the ban, was assassinated by a member of the organization.

The new legislation prohibits organizations from having military detachments and demands that organizations keep minutes of meetings, accounts books and files of their members for inspection by the Government. —United Press.

There were about 800,000 troops available in Formosa. General Whitney had not the slightest idea when General MacArthur's personal plane, the Constellation "Batani", would be sent back to the Far East. The General planned to fly on Monday to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Mrs. MacArthur's home town. He added that General MacArthur had sent a telegram to the Senate Armed Services Committee, advising them of his present commitments and suggesting his attendance at hearings be set for Wednesday or Thursday. —United Press.

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Anglo-Dutch War Games

Del Helder, Apr. 24. The British destroyer Opportune and the frigate Breadale arrived here today for Anglo-Dutch naval manoeuvres.

In co-operation with British ships, a Dutch naval unit comprising a cruiser and two frigates, will carry out large-scale landing exercises. Planes of the Dutch Air Force and the Dutch Naval Air Arm will also take part in the exercise, which is under the command of the Commander of the Dutch Home Fleet, Rear-Admiral C. W. Slot.—Reuter.

Yugoslavia's Appeal To "Big Three"

Belgrade, Apr. 24. Yugoslavia has asked the Western Big Three to help it out of its economic troubles by covering its multi-million-dollar trade deficit, it was learned today.

Wiping out the deficit by a direct grant rather than another loan is understood to be the basic condition set by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development before it will consider Yugoslavia's long-standing request for a long-term capital investment loan.

The Yugoslav request, delivered in Washington several weeks ago, is now under consideration by economic experts of the United States, Britain and France now meeting in London to assess the overall economic situation of Yugoslavia.

American commercial attaches from all over Western Europe who are convening in London this week will probably also consider Yugoslavia's economic problems and their impact on the Western defence outlook.

Yugoslav sources gave varying estimates of the trade deficit, which is continuously increasing, and Western sources here declined to reveal what they said was a secret figure. It was understood, however, that Yugoslavia had asked for a sum well over \$100,000,000. It has already received more than twice that amount from the United States since the war, more than half of it in direct grants.

If the deficit is met without entangling Yugoslavia in more loan commitments, the International Bank is expected to start favourable action on a major capital investment loan. The country's total investment needs, to be covered partly by the Bank loan and partly by long-term trade arrangements with various countries, have been estimated at approximately \$250,000,000. This does not take account of purely military requirements.

Washington and London are now considering a separate

JAPANESE ELECTIONS:

ENDORSEMENT OF CO-OPERATION WITH AMERICA

Washington, Apr. 24. American officials expressed their pleasure today at the outcome of the Japanese municipal elections in which the Communists, according to latest reports, appeared to have lost out completely.

The view of the State Department, as expressed by several officers, was that these results constituted complete endorsement of the view of Mr John Foster Dulles that the vast majority of Japanese approved of the closest Japanese-American co-operation in the post-treaty era.

Election returns were interpreted here as indication of strong support at the lowest levels of Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida's announced intention of aligning the fate of his country with the United States.

Mr Dulles, upon his return on Feb. 25 from his previous peace mission to Japan, said his discussions there had convinced him an overwhelming majority of the Japanese people favoured defence arrangements with the United States. This was later confirmed by the newspaper Mainichi's poll which showed 75 percent of Japanese would agree to stationing of American land, sea and air forces in and about Japan to guarantee that country's post-treaty security.

At that time Mr Dulles expressed himself as gratified that the Mainichi poll had borne out his belief. However, some persons continued to dispute Mr Dulles' and Mainichi's conclusions. It was still uncertain whether the Japanese really favoured close collaboration with the United States. The impression here today was that the municipal elections had given him his answer.—United Press.

RED TACTICS

Washington, Apr. 24. Mr John Foster Dulles, President Truman's special envoy, said on his return from Tokyo today that there was unmistakable evidence that Russian, Chinese and Japanese Communists were working vigorously to block a peace settlement for Japan.

He was confident that their design could be frustrated if the free world acted promptly, with unity and with an enlightened recognition of its community of interest with the peace and freedom-seeking people of Japan.

Yugoslav request for arms aid to meet the menace of Soviet satellite rearmament along the Yugoslav frontiers.—United Press.

"There is unmistakable evidence that the Communist Parties of Russia, China and Japan are working intensely and with renewed vigour to spread destruction and fear in Japan and to block the peace settlement on which the hopes of the Japanese people centre," Mr Dulles said.

General Matthew B. Ridgway, the new Supreme Commander in the Far East, was quickly mastering the American policies for a Japanese peace settlement.

There could be complete confidence that he would deal effectively with the Japanese phase of his new responsibilities. Mr Michael McDermott, State Department spokesman, said today that he knew nothing to confirm reports that Mr Dulles was planning to visit London to discuss differences with the British Government over some aspects of the Japanese peace settlement.

He knew of no plans for "show-down talks" with Britain either in London or Washington, but referring to reports from London that British officials were confident the differences could be settled, Mr McDermott commented: "I second the hope."—Reuter.

TEMPERS HOT IN BRUSSELS

Brussels, Apr. 24. During a heated debate in the Belgian Chamber of Deputies today, a former Cabinet Minister, M. Adolphe Van Glabbeke, speaking for the Liberal Opposition, urged the Pholien Government to resign. He declared that it was discredited abroad and had committed grave errors and serious neglect.

The Chamber was discussing Belgium's dispute with the United States over Marshall Aid funds. M. Van Glabbeke attacked the United States Government, describing its action as unjust.

"Belgium," he exclaimed, "will never allow herself to be Balkanised."

The dispute with the United States arose earlier this month when a Belgian Court blocked \$7,000,000 in Marshall Aid which should have been diverted to Greece.—Reuter.

Film Actress Mother



The film actress, Valerie Hobson, wife of the film producer, Anthony Havelock-Allen, photographed with her son, born recently in a London nursing home. His name is Anthony Mark.—(Central Press).

Strasbourg Wants U.S. Co-operation

Strasbourg, Apr. 24. The General Affairs Commission of the European Assembly tonight unanimously proposed a recommendation to the Assembly that the United States and Canada be invited to send Parliamentary observers to the Council of Europe sessions which are to begin in October.

The Commission, which met yesterday and today under the chairmanship of the former French Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, also recommended a parliamentary committee composed of North American and Council of Europe nations to study common problems.

The Commission also recommended that all European nations be invited to participate in forthcoming negotiations for the formation of a European army and that "all necessary measures be taken for close co-operation on defence."

A final recommendation called for the study of methods leading to a more equitable distribution of raw materials needed for defence.

All the recommendations will go before the European Assembly at its next session in May.—Reuter.

Ile d'Yeu, Apr. 24. An official bulletin tonight said that the condition of former Marshal Philippe Petain was stationary.—Reuter.

Big Four Meet At Luncheon

Paris, Apr. 24. After the four Foreign Ministers' deputies lunched together today at the British Embassy, it was stated by a Western spokesman that there would be no meeting today.

The three Western Powers made an attempt to resolve differences between the East and West agendas when they met M. Andrei Gromyko at lunch today at the Embassy. It was understood in usually reliable circles.

According to these circles, the Western Powers restated their position and made clear to the Soviet delegate the limits to which they were prepared to go to get an agreed agenda.

However, it was understood that no progress was made at the lunch-time meeting, which lasted for nearly three hours.

Three problems were understood to have been raised at the meeting: the armaments question, Trieste and the Balkans.

It was believed by observers that in stating the limit beyond which they would not go, the Western Powers repeated that the level of armaments must be discussed before a reduction and that this reduction must not be limited to the four powers alone.

On the question of Trieste and the Balkans it was thought likely that the Western Powers hinted to M. Gromyko that in their opinion there was no difficulty in reaching an agreement on them and that they might be prepared to go further to meet the Soviet wording.

The deputies will meet again at 3.00 p.m. GMT tomorrow.—Reuter.

Strikers To Be Reinstated

Accra, Apr. 24. Kwame Nkrumah, leader of the Gold Coast Government, announced here today that all clerks dismissed during last year's strike, called by his Convention People's Party, would be reinstated. About 250 people are involved.

They will receive the pay that they were getting at the time of the strike and, subject to good work, will be entitled to a pension and a gratuity offer, open until July 31.—Reuter.

Returning To Post

London, Apr. 24. Mr M.A.H. Ispahani, Pakistan Ambassador to the United States, sailed from Southampton for New York today. Mr Ispahani, who is returning to Washington, is accompanied by some members of his family. He recently went to Karachi for routine consultations with the Pakistan Government and for a holiday in the Dominion. He arrived here by air from the Pakistan capital on Saturday.—Reuter.

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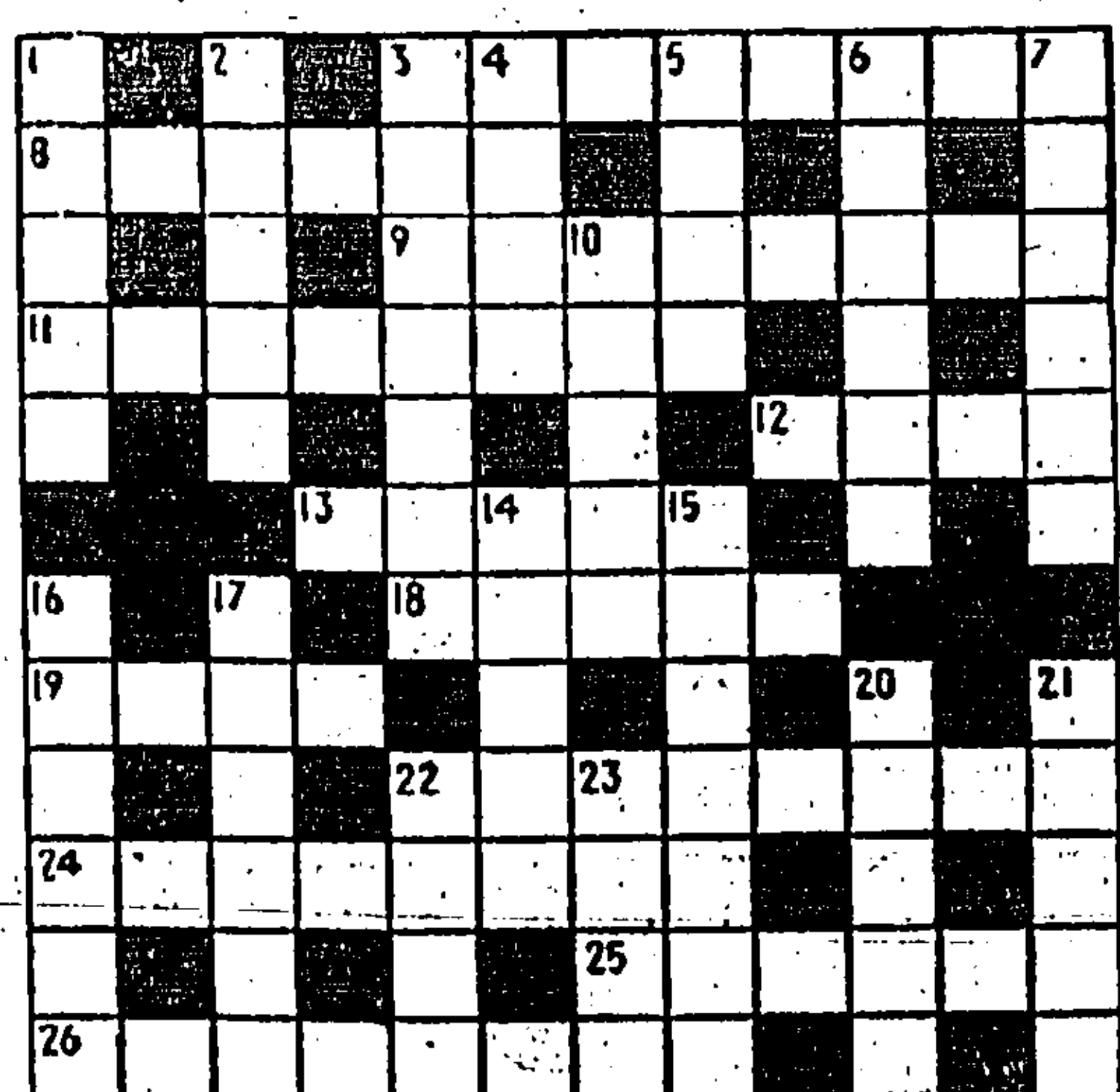
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- 8 Calamitous (6)
- 9 Portion (8)
- 11 Obvious (8)
- 12 Pillar (4)
- 13 Command (5)
- 18 Spanish title (5)
- 19 Responsibility (4)
- 22 Clings to ship's bottom (8)
- 24 Mended (6)
- 25 Modest (8)
- 26 Opposed (9)

DOWN

- 1 Projecting remnant (5)
- 2 Discourage (5)
- 3 Disagree (7)
- 4 Land measure (4)
- 5 Diplomacy (4)
- 6 Dried fruit (6)
- 7 Various (8)
- 10 Pale (5)
- 14 Excluded (5)
- 15 Spent (7)
- 16 Intense dislike (8)
- 17 Disturbance (8)
- 20 Undergrowth (5)
- 21 Horizontal (5)
- 22 Prejudice (5)
- 23 Counsel (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Platform, 7 Radio, 8 Impression, 10 Crease, 13 Remnant, 15 Wire, 16 Signal, 18 Plumber, 20 Head, 21 Breeze, 22 Duster, 23 Compass, 25 Therm, 26 Suckling. Down: 1 Duster, 2 Utter, 3 Pole, 4 Tool, 5 Outline, 6 Morose, 8 Monaco, 11 Rogue, 12 Arrow, 13 Arms, 15 Means, 16 Ship, 17 Disturbance, 18 Pardon, 19 Mad, 22 Rusty, 23 Edge, 24 Curve, 25 Nose.

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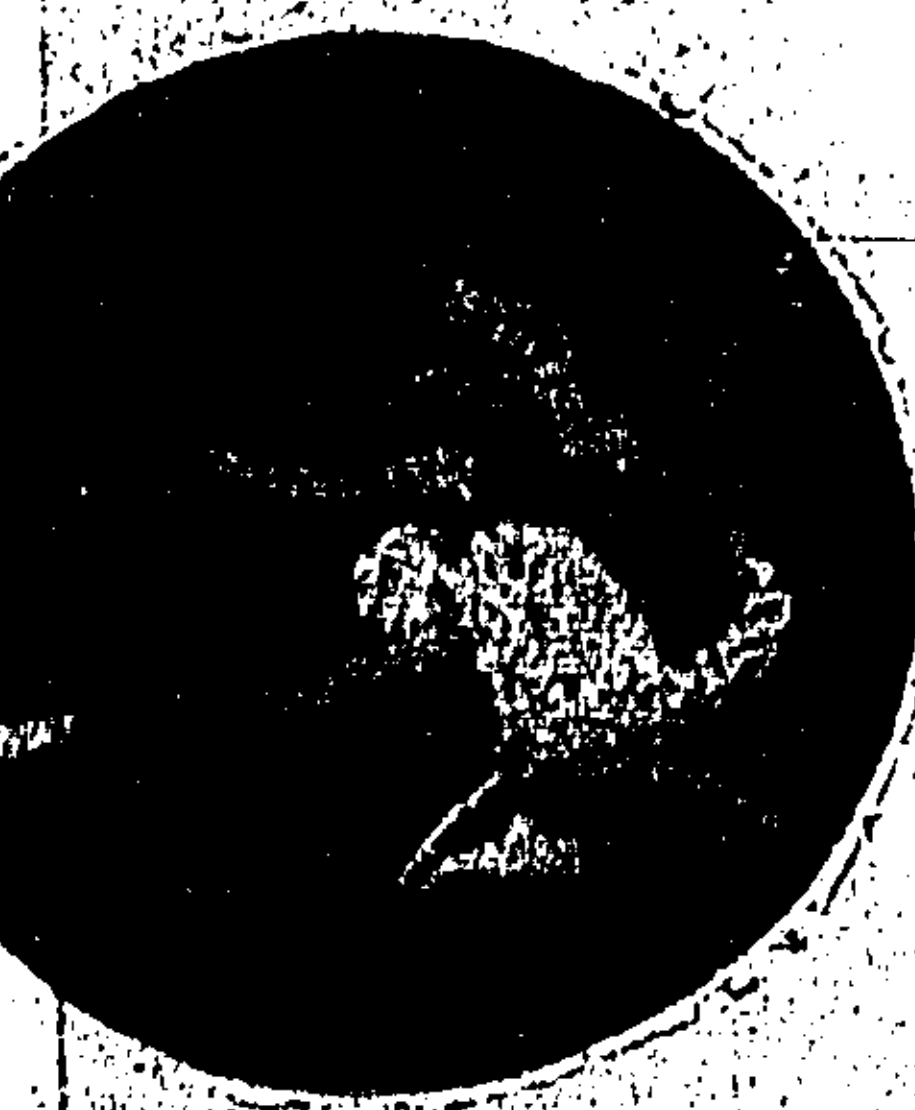
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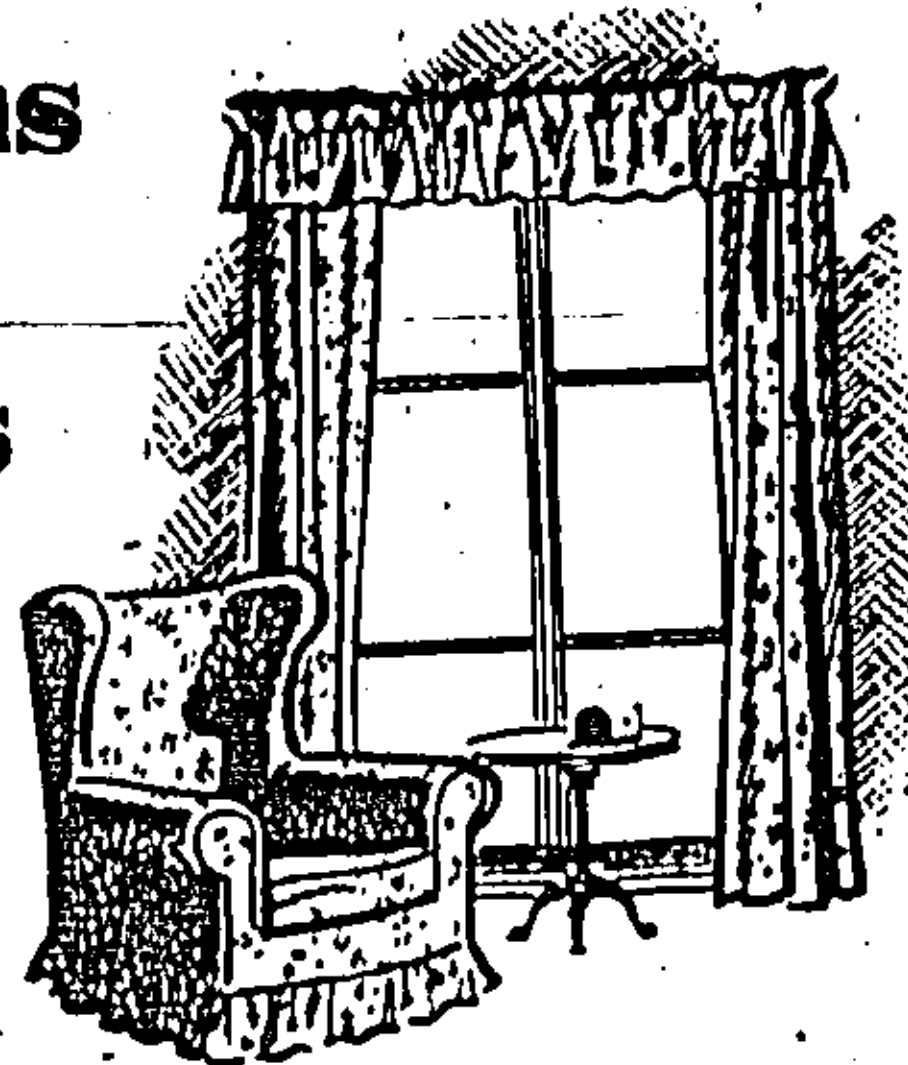
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By David Temple Roberts

"In Battersea did Morri Son
A stately pleasure dome
Where Thames the sacred river
Through caverns measureless
To man
Down to a sunless sea."

(With apologies to Coleridge).
YOU may be as confused as Coleridge about this Festival. Let me explain. On the South Bank of the river opposite Charing Cross is the main effort of the Festival. But, tired and worn out with electronics and radar to the moon, the visitor is also offered a trip in a steamer up-river past the House of Commons — you will have a privileged view of MPs taking tea on the terrace — and past the gasworks, Lambeth Palace and the Battersea Power station. You will reach Mr Morrison's Festival Gardens. They are in Battersea Park, which belongs to the London County Council.

The aim is entertainment. The actual product will be a kind of intellectual Coney Island founded on strong tea with milk and sugar. A month before the gardens are due to open, the scene is a glorious chaos of mud and bulldozers and half-built pavilions. The most permanent buildings look to be the wooden sheds where the work people of each contractor sit and drink their pre-Festival tea. But through the mud, and care-

fully avoiding the drying concrete, I could discern the shape of things to come in four weeks' time. The first point to notice is the style of architecture. The further west you go in this Festival the more fancy it gets. In the East End it is modernistic; on "South Bank" it is shiny and aluminium. Here, facing Chelsea, the style is mock-Moorish.

The Piazza

If you come from the river after clambering off a pontoon of the usual Bailey bridge, the first thing you will see will be a row of little shops, looking like a Hollywood set-builder's idea of an Eastern bazaar. To suit the weather, however, all the shops have glass fronts and the wares on sale inside will not rise in price as you approach and fall in price as you move away.

Just to show his contempt for all this Eastern pagantry, one of the painters has scratched on one of the windows the enlightening message—"Fish-frying tonight—skate, eod or fillet." But

that will be washed off by the time you visitors get there.

That box on the left is the riverside theatre. It is painted pale dove-grey, with dozens of little gilt lozenges all over it, interspersed with the Festival signs that appear on the advertisements. Incidentally, you will get tired of this Festival sign. I have already been given a tie covered with it. The riverside theatre intends to put on the highest of light entertainments—book now, or move on.

This is an excellent idea because the fun-fair itself is preparing to be wildly strenuous. The devices seem to carry to the highest pitch of peril the form of fun involved in throwing people, in couples, round and round, or upside down, through hoops or down chutes. Beyond this funfair will be a row of carefully censored side-shows.

On the far edge of the gardens runs the "Emmett railway." Now Mr Emmett is a British phenomenon. We are very fascinated by our own railway system and have always regarded it as a bit of a joke that those funny foreigners across the Straits of Dover have railway

locomotives that seem to have all their insides outside. Emmett is an artist who has exploited this strange humorlessness of our railways in his life-long devotion to crazed and impossible railways drawn in Punch.

Now he has been vouchsafed the precious opportunity to convert his imagination on paper into living fact. I regret I have only seen the first sketch of the locomotive. Apparently, it is founded on a genuine antique and has some "pure Emmett additions" in the form of a sloping fireman's cabin and whistles and bells suspended over the smoke stack. It also has what appears to be lop-sided wheels and it will run between three crazy stations.

English Joke

I have a suspicion that this elaborate English joke will not be so funny in practice. The sloping stations are made of rustic woodwork and will be governed by a station master in a tall leoparding silk hat. But one of the painters tells me bitterly that it's just like what he lives in back home. He doesn't find it funny. You will be able to ride on this railway which will be a more sedate outing than the roller-coaster.

The Festival people are rather fond of jokes. On the South Bank they have the "Festival fairway." And here in Battersea there is another way of taking a long view. At the moment the vista is a sea of mud with two tapering metal towers in the middle of it that look exactly like a couple of oil derricks. As the news comes forth that these Festival Gardens are due to suffer a further financial loss, the cynics are saying that all will still be well if "Lord Festival" strikes oil.

I understand from a foreman, however, that a tight rope is being run between the two derelict and a circus performance will distract the already distracted visitor. However the planners' drawings make the pylons mostly decorative. They are a mystery you must solve for yourself.

No Girls

There is plentiful accommodation for eating and drinking—and a dance pavilion. A restaurant in the shape of a crescent moon will enable you to survey Mr Morrison's pleasure gardens through a huge glass window, on a wet afternoon. The Eastern traveller, sitting on this terrace, looking at his bookish will be able to gaze across the tarmac at the fountain tower. Fountains will play, to be seen through Mozarabic arches, and hidden musicians—the local town band—will delight the ear. There will be no dancing girls.

I anticipate that this corner of the Festival will be the most British of all. For the foreign visitor in search of social study, it will be the centre from which to observe English family life. It will certainly be dominated by children, and the emotional overtones will be the irritated and temper of a thousand harassed mothers. "Festival Rock" will be no sale.

Tomorrow: The East End

Sitting On The Fence

By . . . Nathaniel Gubbins

"I have instructed my staff that if a woman comes through the turnstiles with four children and no money to spend she shall be treated with the same consideration as would be given a foreign ambassador"—Major Leslie Joseph, director of the Festival Gardens.

year-old will tell you, the first and second fingers of either hand must be forced as far as possible up the nostrils until the victim howls for quarter. If you wear long nails the results will be startling.

CAN I do anything for you, madam?
You can mind your own business for a start.
I thought you might like to take the children on the roundabouts or the dodgem?

Chance is a fine thing, isn't it?

Wherever you go in the gardens, madam, you will be welcomed as if you were a queen and your charming children princes and princesses.

Coo, ark at im, Willie, be have. Ow many times ave I told you what your andkerchiefs for?

Perhaps the dear little fellow would like some refreshment?

If you're talkin about Willie he never stops eating from the time he gets up till the time he goes to bed with the iccupps. But we just don't appen to ave the dough-myme. See?

Pardon madam?

The old bees and oncy, if you understand plain English. The stuff that goes chink-chink and rustle-rustle. Got it?

I comprehend, madam. But if you are troubled by a temporary financial embarrassment, may I assure you on behalf of the directors that no ambassador from a foreign State, with unlimited expenses, could be more certain of a warm and sincere welcome at the Festival gardens?

You swallowed a dictionary for your dinner?

As proof of my earnest desire to make your visit a memorable one, may I offer to escort you, or your delightful elder daughter, free of charge, on a trip through the magic cave?

Oh, so that's the lark, is it? After my Elsie, eh? I've read about your type in the papers.

If you will trust me, madam

I wouldn't trust you if you was handcuffed at the bottom of a coalmine. Come along, Elsie. Pull down your skirt and do up your coat. There's wolves about.

Englishman's home

"My husband goes out three evenings a week, plays golf on Saturdays and Sundays. When at home he sleeps in a chair. What am I to do about it? Letter to a social problem column."

THERE are so many things you can do about it that I don't know where to begin.

Pins are an obvious weapon. So is a jug of water. I advise you to be more subtle.

As men are supposed to like wives who remain young and kittenish, be young and kittenish. Be as young as three years old.

As he smores in the chair opposite, throw yourself back to childhood and play that lovely game of opening the eyelids and saying, "Oo's got boo eyes." Or brown, as the case may be.

If this fails, there is still the enchanting pastime of "Angers do it." As any three-

Should he drop off to sleep again, get a pencil and a piece of paper, stick the pencil down his open mouth as far as the tonsils. When he wakes half-choked, ask him to draw a horse, a pig, or a bunny rabbit on the piece of paper.

If sleep overcomes him once more, play your last card. Climb on his knees, as children do, scraping the shins, treading on the soft underbelly. This is painful enough when a two stone three-year-old is the climber.

Your 11 stone and sharp high heels will put him off sleeping anywhere, except in bed.

Political sensation

TODAY, Government circles will be amazed at the confirmation of a plot to unseat them which I have suspected ever since they were elected in 1945.

I am able to reveal that their chief opponent is not Mr Winston Churchill, nor the Right-wing Press, nor even Sir Waldron Smithers.

It is Old Mother Nature herself.

When the wind-blown hag visited the Sea Nest one bitter April morning, she confessed that she had fixed the weather for seven years, with the avowed intention of getting the Government out.

"I arranged droughts when the crops needed rain," she said, "and rain when the crops needed sunshine."

"Did you arrange last winter's rain and the spring floods?"

"Of course, I believe I have drowned most of the early sown wheat and hope to reduce the national milk yield so that the Food Ministry's promise of cream this summer will not be fulfilled."

"Were you responsible for the hard winter which destroyed thousands of sheep?"

"I regard that as one of my greatest achievements. I think nearly a million sheep and cattle perished in the snow. This put the meat ration in peril and forced the Government into a difficult position with foreign meat importers."

"What are your plans for the future?"

"I shall certainly send a lot of rain to ruin what's left of the harvest."

"May I ask you why you're doing this?"

"Because, my dear man, I'm Conservative."

"What will be your attitude if the Government are defeated at the next General Election?"

"Then I shall send rain in the autumn, dry weather for the winter plough, light showers and warmth to nourish the spring sowings and hot sunshine for the ripening corn."

"Do you think you will get the Government out?"

"I nearly did it last time. Next time I shall succeed. They can make their speeches, write their articles, present their arguments. But I, True Blue Mother Nature, am the one to do it."

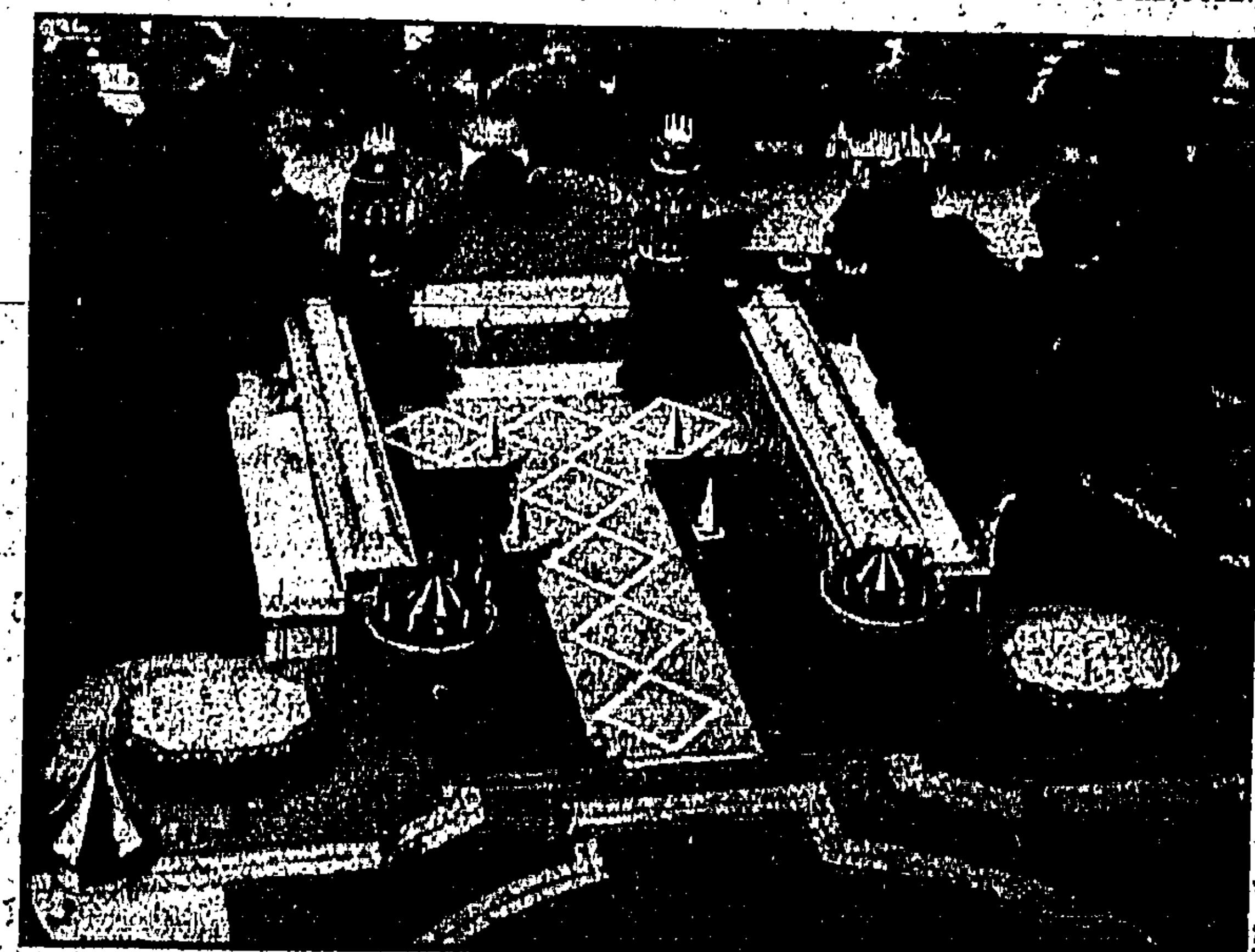
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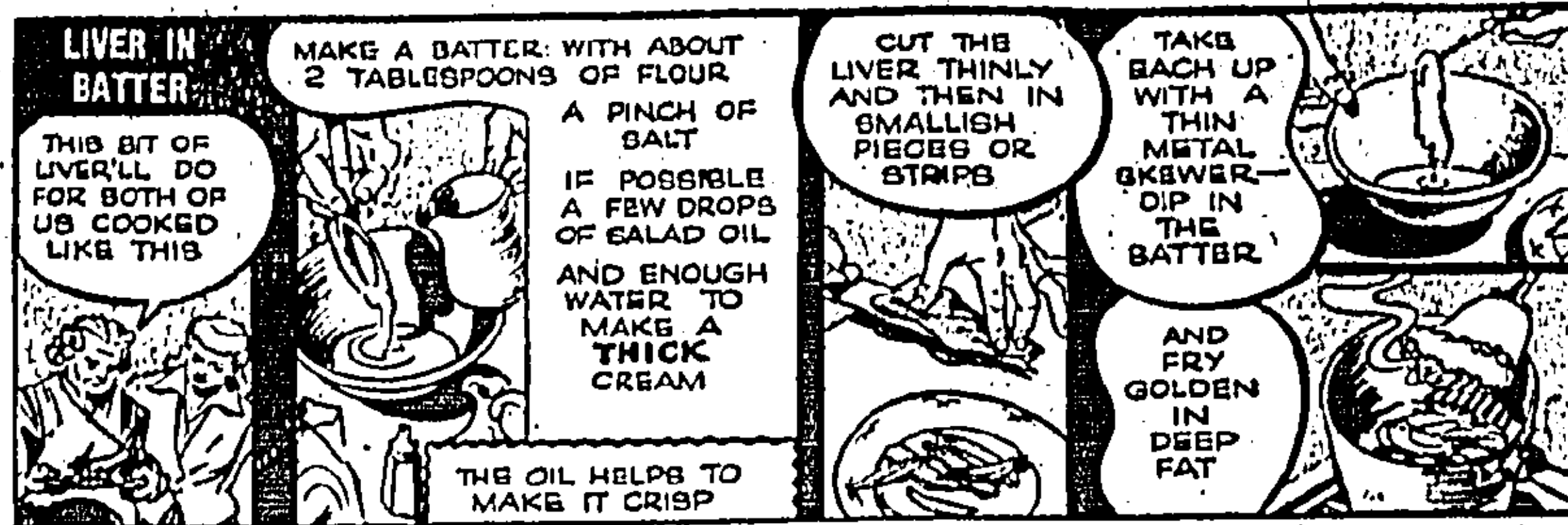
ADVANCE BOOKING AT MOUTRIES

Hong Kong Boy Scouts Association



Festival Pleasure Gardens. The umbrellas to right and left are for drinking tea under the round thing is a babbled and the Gothic towers at the end are useless. In the background is the Festival Bond Street.

WOMANSENSE



Spring Accents



Spring hat and shoes.

By GRACE THORNCIFFE

THE shops are brightly blooming with spring wardrobe accessories and nice little adjuncts to transform a weary winter wardrobe into a perky appearance. Right for now and later is this rayon faille spring hat, very small, neat and nice in the 1951 manner. Pleated program ribbon forms the band and forward-fitting section, and there is a fine mesh veil. Navy suede is used for a sling-back pump with matching cobra for the platform heel and decorative one-sided straps arranged to give something of a cobra effect.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Pixie O'Scowl Had a Big Load

—And He Asked the Shadows to Help Carry It—

By MAX TRELL

"YOU'D do me a great favour," Pixie O'Scowl said when he met Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "if you'd help me carry some of these things."

Saying this, Pixie O'Scowl dropped off his back the following things: a bundle of twigs, a bag containing acorns, poppy seeds and dried morning-glory blossoms, a large collection of daisies and dandelions with the petals all torn off, a great tangled ball of cobweb, and a bunch of pine cones.

"My goodness, you poor little dear!" Hanid said to Pixie O'Scowl. "Why are you carrying all those things?"

"Have to," said Pixie O'Scowl in a grumbling voice as he sat down the bundle of twigs to catch his breath. "Have to," he repeated, "that's why I'm carrying them."

Very Good Reason
This didn't seem to be a very good reason, but at any rate, it didn't seem to explain anything. So Knarf said: "What are you going to do with them?"

"Make things out of 'em," muttered Pixie O'Scowl. "I'm carrying 'em because I have to make things out of 'em, that's why I'm carrying 'em."

"Now look dear," said Hanid, taking Pixie O'Scowl between her thumbs and forefinger and lifting him up. He squirmed and kicked a bit and yelled "Let me down!" But Hanid smiled. "Now you're still not telling us the exactly right reason why you're carrying all these different kind of things," Pixie O'Scowl finally promised he would tell them. Then Hanid sat him down again on her lap.

"I'm making them all into toys," he said.

Pixie O'Scowl nodded. "Playing toys."

"Toys for whom, dear? For children?"

"None. For bugs."

This was the most surprising news and Knarf and Hanid de-

manded to know what kind of toys for bugs Pixie O'Scowl thought he was going to be able to make out of twigs, acorns, poppy seeds, dried morning-glory blossoms, daisies, dandelions, cobweb and pine cones.

Pixie O'Scowl took a deep breath. "Out of the twigs," he began, "I'm making see-saws." "Oh!" cried Hanid, who had never thought of such a use for twigs before, but couldn't help seeing that Pixie O'Scowl was right.

Proper Size
"Twig see-saws," continued the pixie, "will be just the proper size for potato-bugs and small beetles. Out of the acorns I'm going to make tops... spinning tops."

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SOCCER NEWS

LEAGUE 'NEW BOYS' WON'T BUY PLAYERS NEXT SEASON

By Stanley Matthews, Alex James And Andy Cunningham

The dozen or so non-League clubs busy campaigning and canvassing for election to the Football League will be interested in the experiences of Gillingham, Colchester, Shrewsbury, and Scunthorpe, Third Division "new boys."

"It has been an education for us," says Archie Clark, the Gillingham manager. "We spent £20,000 on players—but we won't pay transfer fees again. We'll find our own players."

With four teams operating Gillingham are doing just that. They are particularly happy about young Warren, centre forward with their Minors, who has cracked in more than 60 goals this season.

Gillingham, averaging round 12,000 gates, are paying their way.

Sammy Crooks, the Shrewsbury manager, has every cause for confidence.

True, he paid £6,000 in transfer fees, but recently he has refused offers totalling £25,000 for five players, which proves that Shrewsbury have playing assets.

"Gates have worked out at about 9,000," says Sammy.

"We are paying our way. We have paid out more to our visitors than they have paid to us. Without boasting, I think the danger is past and there is a rosy prospect ahead."

When Scunthorpe started the season they aimed at 10,000 gates. Well, they have managed that.

"We should finish in the top half of the League, which seems pretty good," said Mr. H. Alcock, the secretary.

In terms of strict £ s. d. Scunthorpe will lose about £3,000 this year. Which, since they paid £10,000 in transfers, isn't bad.

"We have done as well as I expected," says Jimmy Allen, the Colchester United manager.

"Our gates have been about 11,000, which means that we have found 3,000 regular supporters."

Colchester budgeted on £20,000 for players, but got by on £10,000.

Colchester officials have every reason to feel pleased. Since the club became professional in 1927 they have always had a winning team.

To ante-up gates with a moderate team is quite an achievement.

NO WORRIES

Lucky Bournemouth, Manager Jack Bruton has no centre forward worries.

He has four playing in his forward line, and Jack Cross has been promoted to his old position on the right wing.

There is Danny Boxshall (left wing), Doug McWhorter (inside), and Denis Cheney (outside) centre.

It appears to have given punch to the line.

Football League offered no concessions to the Players' Union at the Joint Standing Committee meeting.

Deadlock. Union are busy preparing a case to put before the Government arbitrators.

Cup Final hide-out plans are complete. Blackpool travel down to Harrow on the Friday and Newcastle will spend a few quiet days at Weybridge.

Southampton pioneered flood-lit football this season, but they haven't had much luck. Sid Cann has been waiting months to give trials to 100 amateurs.

Life-planned floodlit trials. Unfortunately, the weather has been too bad that it has been impossible to get on to the pitch.

Ronnie May, 15-year-old England schoolboy international centre half, has decided to make Soccer his career.

He's always been a Saints fan.

PROBLEM SOLVED

Jack Froggatt will probably take over at centre half from Reg Fawcett in the Portsmouth team on Saturday.

Reg is due some inoculations before the Australian tour which will keep him out of the side anyway.

This solves Pompey's Froggatt-Fawcett problem for the moment.

Brighton would have taken a good offer a few weeks ago for Johnny McNeill, their 23-year-old inside right. Not now.

Villa, Preston, Southampton, Leicester, Derby and Sheffield Wednesday have all watched Brighton recently.

Interest is in McNeill, Jack Mansell (left back), and Glen Wilson (wing half).

HOME SOCCER

London, Apr. 24. Oldham beat Rochdale by two goals to nil in a Third Division North Section football match played (1943-44).

Billy Lane isn't parting with any of his youngsters.

Ted Fenton, West Ham's manager, is keen on Vic Keeble, the Colchester centre forward. But Colchester won't sell their number one local star.

Looks as if Eric Betts, the West Ham left winger, will go to York City.

York City libbed at the £4,000 fee, but Major Buckley, the Leeds chief, is still interested in the ex-Mansfield flier.

Eric wants to get away because he can't settle in London.

Three League clubs are watching Ron Higgins, the Tonbridge centre forward.

Since Portsmouth picked up Belgian left winger Marcel Gaillard on the cheap, the scouts haven't missed many Tonbridge games.

It Higgins moves, it will most likely be to Charlton at a four-figure fee.

George Hardwick, the Oldham player-manager, hopes to get the option on a £6,000 wing half this week.

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Bright Lights In Britain's Tennis World

Optimism about British lawn tennis needs to be tempered with restraint but there can be no denying there are bright lights twinkling in the women's game.

They are, in strictly alphabetical order, Miss Lorna Cornwell, aged 18, from Sutton; Miss Helen Fletcher, 19, from Derby; Miss Angela Mortimer, 19, from Torquay; and Miss Susan Partridge, 20, from Birmingham.

Lorna Cornwell, the current junior champion, is a shrewd tactician and won her first senior tournament at New Malden, last year.

Angela Mortimer needs more speed. She won at Southampton a few weeks ago, beating Susan Partridge whom she again defeated last week.

As for Susan, she need not take defeat on hard courts to heart. Her stinging shots will not be at their best until she gets on to fast grass.

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Cockell Easily Outpoints Beshore

London, Apr. 24.

Don Cockell, British European and Empire Light-heavyweight Champion, easily outpointed Freddie Beshore, American contender for the world heavy-weight title, over 10 rounds at Harringay arena, North London, tonight.

Boxing superbly, Cockell did not lose a single round. He had wonderful pluck and stamina and will still be able to boast that he has not been flogged in 100 fights, but he was well beaten by the British champion.

There were some ringside critics who said halfway through the contest that the referee would have been justified in stopping the fight in favour of the British boxer, so far ahead was he on points.

THREE WARNED

Three times was Beshore, blond, tough ex-Navy man, warned, twice for holding and once for hitting with the open glove.

In the very first round Cockell brought blood pouring from the American's nose and when heads clashed in the eighth round, Beshore came out of it with a bloody eye-brow.

Cockell was hardly marked as the final bell went and the referee, without the slightest hesitation, held up his hand as the victor.

Beshore, who has fought both Joe Louis and the present World Heavyweight Champion, Ezzard Charles, looked dejected against young Cockell.

The British boxer had no difficulty in evading the American's wild swings and only once did Beshore make him flinch when he caught him with a right cross to the side of the face in the third round.

Reverend

TOMMY FARR WINS

Tommy Farr, former British Heavyweight Champion, gained a 10-round decision over the Irish champion, Gerry McDermott, at Harringay tonight.

United Press

KBGC Rinks For

Taca Lusitania

Match On Sunday

The undermentioned rinks have been selected to represent Kowloon Bowling Club in the annual Lusitania Cup lawn bowls game against Club de Recreio at King's Park on Sunday, April 29, commencing 3.30 p.m.

A. Bailey, C. E. Terry, C. C. Norman, A. Marshall (skip), J. Tindall, W. Frost, A. E. Elliot, L. Sykes (skip), E. Hughes, E. Bodie, E. Purvis, W. McCall (skip), A. Hutton, A. Buchanan, J. Crighton, J. Fraser (skip), F. Francis, A. Dodd, R. S. Robertson, A. Greenwood (skip), T. Kavanagh, C. Wilcox, J. Dinan, J. McKelvie (skip), T. Wren, A. J. Roberts, R. J. Wigginton, W. C. Simpson (skip).

Reserves: C. W. Greaves, L. C. Harris and G. Voleinart.

Anyone unable to play is requested to advise Mr. A. Marshall, telephone 28805 (office) or 68881 (home) as soon as possible.

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THE END OF BILLY BROWN

Britain has seen all sorts of American boxers come and go in the last few years. Some have been good, some indifferent. One—Billy Brown—has been given the British equivalent of the Bronx cheer by unanimous acclaim. But perhaps Brown shouldn't be blamed too much. After all, he isn't the first and won't be the last to be overwhelmed by the coloured British Middleweight Champion, Randolph Turpin. Brown lasted two rounds, and is considered lucky to have averted disaster that long. The fans, who were expecting a better performance from a man who went ten rounds with "Sugar" Ray Robinson, expressed their disgust in no uncertain manner. The critics were equally disgusted, though more restrained. Our picture shows Brown collapsing after a storm of blows had put paid to any hopes he had of making his fortune in Britain. The man standing over him is Randolph Turpin.



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COLONY TEAMS SELECTED

Hongkong Is Now Ready For Hendon's Visit

Arrangements in connection with the visit of the Hendon Football Club's team next month were finalised at a meeting of the Hongkong Football Association Inter-Club Sub-Committee held yesterday.

The Hendon Football Club XI will play three matches in the Colony before proceeding to Manila, accompanied by a Hongkong team. The three games in Hongkong will be played on May 12, 13 and 15 on the Club ground at Happy Valley.

Two of the teams to play against Hendon were selected at yesterday's meeting, while the third team, the Combined Chinese XI, will be selected by the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation.

It was also decided that the names of the 30 players selected be submitted to the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation in order that the necessary arrangements might be made to expedite the grant of visas to enable the players to travel to Manila.

Mr. J. C. Guilman was appointed manager of the Hongkong team to accompany the Hendon FC to Manila, with Mr. Leslie Louey as Assistant Manager. Mr. J. Skinner, Chairman, will also be proceeding to Manila with the two teams as a guest of honour of the P.A.A.F.

Discussion also took place at yesterday's meeting regarding the pre-sale of tickets to the different Clubs for the Hendon series. It was decided that 2,500 seats in the centre of the No. 1 Stand and 2,000 seats in the centre of the No. 2 Stand be sold in advance to Clubs at \$10 each. The price of tickets for seats at the ends of these two stands was fixed at \$6. These tickets would also be available for pre-sale.

The meeting further decided that a number of tickets be allotted to the Services and Schoolboys in the end Stand nearest Morrison Hill. These tickets, priced at \$2 each, will be sold to the Services and Schoolboys through the body controlling School Football. It was agreed that 1,000 of these tickets be allotted to the Services and 2,000 to schoolboys.

Seats in the end Stand at the Morrison Hill end will be available to the general public at the rate of \$3.50 each.

To eliminate much of the trouble caused in the past as a result of seats being numbered, it was further decided that spectators be permitted to sit where they liked in the Stand for which they held tickets.

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JACK HOOD BACKS RANDOLPH TURPIN TO BEAT "SUGAR"

Says PETER WILSON

Can it be that Dave Sands—due in England on May 8—is superstitious? Sands, who is scheduled to defend his Empire middleweight title against Randolph Turpin at the White City, London, on June 6, is going to train at Newcastle-on-Tyne for the fight.

This is where he trained for his successful assault on the Empire 11 st. 6 lb. title which he won some 18 months ago by knocking out Randolph's brother Dick in the first round.

But there's an additional continental tie about Newcastle for Sands. He has had over 50 per cent of his fights in the town of Newcastle, which is 100 miles north-east of Sydney, Australia.

There must be some reason for choosing Newcastle (Northumberland) for a training spell—although I must say it eludes me.

Notice in the programme of the Turpin-Billy Brown "fight" reads:—

"It was typical of the famous London Impresario (Jack Solomons) that when approached about switching the Randolph Turpin-Billy Brown contest to Birmingham he gave the matter his urgent and sympathetic consideration."

Having seen this "copy," I think it's thoroughly unfair to say that it's typical of Solomons to have switched it as far away from London as possible! Hasn't he any sympathy for Birmingham?

PUNCHING POWER

Opinion of Jack Hood, one of the greatest welterweight champions ever produced by Great Britain:—

"Two years ago I began to think Turpin would lift a world's title; now I'm certain. It would be unwise to hurry him in with 'Sugar' Ray Robinson, but Turpin will beat him—of that I'm certain."

Turpin punches hard, very hard. His punching power should beat Robinson's speed and energy."

JOE IS UNWISE

The sad saga of the man who was once the world's mightiest heavyweight goes on. Now Joe Louis says he will give up "big-time" boxing unless Ezzard Charles gives him another chance to win back the championship by this autumn.

But that doesn't mean he'll quit the ring. He can't afford to. What it does mean is that the "sporting" world may see the old brown lion engaging in a series of "bread and butter" bouts against second-rate fighters.

Louis has been in hospital with a bad cold, but expects to

be able to meet the Cuban Omelio Aguirre, whom he outpointed last

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



HOW CAMBRIDGE OUTRACED YALE BY FOUR LENGTHS ON THE HOUSATONIC RIVER

Derby, Conn., April 14.

The first appearance of an English eight-oared crew in American waters resulted in a sweeping triumph for Cambridge University over Yale today.

Off the mark with an almost unbelievable burst of speed, the British oarsmen opened up a half-length lead in the first quarter mile of the mile-and-three-quarter race over the fairly smooth Housatonic River.

Rowing with faultless synchronization, whatever the rate of stroke, they widened the margin to a full boat length at a half mile and went away steadily to win by four lengths in 8:22.4. Yale was clocked in 8:36.

Some 10,000 spectators lined the Housatonic on the Derby and Shelton sides for the unprecedented unveiling of an English eight in America—the eight that earned the history-making trip to the United States by defeating Oxford by twelve lengths on the Thames last month.

If there was any feeling of disappointment over the failure of the American crew to make a close race of its first test under its new coach, Jim Rathschmidt, it was not apparent from the cheering crowds of spectators that greeted Cambridge as it shot across the finish line.

SUPERLATIVES MERITED

As the winning shell was paddled to the boathouse the tribute increased in volume, and Old Blues of both Cambridge and Yale rushed down to the river to shower the happy, if tired, young Britons with congratulations. The superlatives were lavished upon them that were out of the ordinary and they were well merited, for this was an extraordinary time.

"The finest crew ever to row in American waters," was one appraisal.

But whatever fortunes await Cambridge on the Charles, its performance this chilly afternoon, beneath overcast skies that held the threat of rain, was up to the very highest standards of American rowing.

Even so reserved a figure as Ed Leader, who coached many fine Yale crews in years past, was enraptured by the perfection of the English oarsmanship and bespoke his appreciation to Harold Rickett, Cambridge's amateur coach.

Rickett was in a happy mood over the splendid showing of his eight in this all-important international test, though his elation was tempered by consideration to the stiffer fight ahead at Boston.

SURPASSED ITS EFFORT

The Cambridge coach said that his crew today surpassed its effort in defeating Oxford by the second biggest margin in the ninety-seven year history of that rivalry.

"I deliberately did not work them up to a peak, for Oxford," he said. "We started at 35½ against Oxford, rowed at 30 thereafter until we finished at 36. I would have them up more here. We will have to wind them up still more for Thursday."

How any crew could be wound up more than Cambridge

Rugger Results

London, Apr. 24.
The following were the results of rugger games played today:

RUGBY UNION
Exeter 3, Newport 0.
Tolmouth 18, Gloucester 8.
RUGBY LEAGUE
Dewsbury 7, Bramley 5.
Kelghley 22, Carlisle 2.—
Reuter.

Drobny Beats Cochet

Paris, Apr. 24.
Jaroslav Drobny of Egypt scored an easy victory over France's veteran, Henri Cochet, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, in the first round of the Paris tennis tournament, United Press.

THE GAMBOLS



Barry Appleby



Miss Lockwood & Co. Get Crowded Out

By HAROLD CONWAY

At a time when any new British picture is an event, producer George Minter wants to make "Vanity Fair" in colour—with a fresh adaptation by Noel Langley. But he must wait for months.

Why? Because Mr Rank planned last year to make another version with Margaret Lockwood as Becky Sharp—and though that plan is shelved he still has first claim.

With so much unemployment in the industry, this kind of hold-up is the very midsummer of madness.

While the stage is putting all its big stars on show this spring and summer, what are British film studios doing?

Hollywood Brigade

For a large part, celebrating the "Festival" with productions starring Bette Davis, Katharine Hepburn, Vera-Ellen, Virginia Mayo, Cathy O'Donnell and other attractive guests from Hollywood, Cal.

Except for the Festival picture, which is a special case, Anna Neagle and Glynis Johns are about the only top actresses getting a chance to wave the flag for Britain.

These Hollywood visitors are welcome, as always. But do let our own women stars be put back to work as well. If British studios are still under contract to Rank, what is she going to do before that stage appearance at the Edinburgh Festival?

I can tell you, since Mr Rank's publicity department have thought it important enough to issue the news, Miss Lockwood visited Bournemouth on April 24 to open an extension to the premises of the local distributors of a motor company.

When British film studios are fighting to keep going, I don't think this is quite enough.

Mr Minter, while waiting for "Vanity Fair" to be declared a free property again plans another screen excursion into the past.

He is to film The Pickwick Papers. For the role of Pickwick himself? Probably James Hayter, humorously benevolent character actor of countless British pictures.

Lucky Fourth?

Ingrid Burke—21, fair-haired, blue-eyed—sets off from her parents' home in Chelsea on Monday morning to attend her first rehearsal—as a West-End actress. It will be no ordinary debut—Ophelia in Alice Guinness's production of "Hamlet."

Miss Burke completes the quartet of young actresses from repertory who are being given big chances in the West End this season. She looks like being the luckiest of the four.

So impressed was Guinness when Ingrid gave him a private reading of Ophelia that he engaged her there and then. He also persuaded manager Henry Sherek to book her "blind" for the New York production which follows in the autumn.

Ingrid Burke and that recent West End newcomer, 18-year-old Geraldine McEwen, acted together at John Counsell's Windsor repertory theatre. While Geraldine specialised in comedy parts, Ingrid concentrated on drama—and went on to play Saint Joan in Birmingham.

Star Knock-Out

London's most glittering star-assembly of the season—Sir Ralph Richardson, Celia Johnson, Margaret Leighton, Diana Churchill and Renee Asherson—go into the Aldwych on May 3 with Cheekov's "The Three Sisters."

"Macadam and Eve" the present production there, is not a revival, but a new comedy and a good one. Unlike its successor, however, this piece has no big stars at all—so out it goes on April 28.

A transfer is being negotiated; I hope it is fixed. Stars alone do to make for progress in the theatre.

Lazybones

Just as America's Kay Thompson opens her return cabaret season—this time at 2:00 a week plus percentage—the West

SHOW TALK

End's luxury trade takes a Budget depression dive.

But I don't think Miss Thompson will have difficulty in earning her keep. It's the lesser and lozier performers who are feeling the draught. With table changes what they are, customers are losing their tolerance of amateurish efforts served up as "entertainment."

Kay Thompson is one of the three floor-show artists in London's £1,000-a-week class, the others being Beatrice Lillie and Hildegarde. They—and especially Miss Thompson—take as much trouble and thought over their supper-time acts as if they were theatre productions.

Money In It

Peggy Ashcroft must be quite pleased with the one or two back-handed compliments paid her recently. After 20 years of unstinted praise, she now learns that she is not quite horrible enough to play Electra! There's critical love for you.

Miss Ashcroft is at present planning the biggest character switch of her career from Greek tragedy to broad farce. When the Old Vic put on "The Merry Wives of Windsor" for the Festival this most delicate of actresses will play Mistress Page—beisterousness, bawdiness and all. Peggy Ashcroft the tragedienne doesn't



Stewart Granger, Deborah Kerr and Richard Carlson crouch behind the rocks as a stampeding horde of animals fleeing from a forest fire heads their way in "King Solomon's Mines."

It's A Slow Safari, But There's A Dazzle Of Zebras

Says ELSPETH GRANT

Until I see "Soldiers Three" I shall not know if the Rudyarda have ceased from Kipling, but it's sadly obvious from the pedestrian "King Solomon's Mines" that the Haggards ride no more.

Mr Stewart Granger, as Allan Quatermain, the white hunter, escorts Miss Deborah Kerr, and her brother, Mr Richard Carlson, on "this most dangerous safari of his career," and the slowest of mine.

They want to discover whether Miss Kerr's husband, who set out some years before to seek the legendary treasure of King Solomon in the mountains beyond the jungle and the swamps, is alive or dead.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT. By the time they reach their destination you feel, to be better: be dead as the Green Office have allowed Miss Kerr to fall for that protective Mr Granger. He is dead, so that's all right. All I feared then was

see why she should be left out of any Festival fun that's going.

The Old Vic box-office, by the way, is prospering back in the old home across the river. I estimate the first four months' takings at near the £50,000 mark—this at a top price of 10s. 6d.

Remember those past meers: about the public not being interested in the Old Vic or Shakespeare—only Larry Olivier? The Vic people have the last laugh, and the absent Olivier—who always resented that star-angle sneer—is as delighted as they are.

"Tempest" In Colour

Michael Powell, who co-produced "Tales of Hoffman," is home in London after the spectacular New York premiere—with an adventurous plan.

He wants to film "The Tempest" in colour with John Gielgud as Prospero and Moira Shearer as a dancing Ariel.

Powell and his partner, Emeric Pressburger, have already had talks on the idea in New York, where Gielgud has been playing in "The Lady's Not For Burning." The co-star of that play, Pamela Brown, may be the screen Miranda.

For the role of Caliban, coloured actor Canada Lee is a possibility; he has previously played it on Broadway.

John Gielgud and Moira Shearer—both at the top of their professions—should make the most interesting film team of the year. Gielgud's few screen appearances—the last was 11 years ago—were not outstanding. Prospero promises to be a different story.

I hope this "Tempest" plan, so far on the secret list, goes forward—directly Gielgud has completed his West End stage season in "The Winter's Tale" and Miss Shearer can fit in the time with her Covent Garden engagements.

Powell and Pressburger believe in planning ambitiously. Putting Prospero's island on to her screen they will have a unexcused, cost some £300,000. Their revolutionary (and typically controversial) "Tales of Hoffman" has still to be seen in London—and it will be months before they can know the financial results of that piece of experimentalism.

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Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20.00) may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on Saturday, 12th May.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE OF THIS MEETING.

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Special Business

1. To receive and consider a report from the Directors on the negotiations with the Hong Kong Government in regard to the terms of the licence now offered to the Company.

2. To give a directive to the Directors on Item No. 1 above.

Ordinary Business

3. To receive and consider the report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1950, and the Auditors' Report thereon.

4. To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1950.

5. To elect Directors.

6. To appoint Auditors.

Closing of Transfer Books
Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 3rd May, 1951 to 16th May, 1951, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1951.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the China Mariner's Assurance Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited,
and
IN THE MATTER of the Companies Ordinance, 1932.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 9th day of May, 1951, being the day for that purpose fixed by Jai Min Tan and Peng Cheong Wong both of 4A, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, the liquidators of the said company, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to so required by notice in writing from the said liquidators, are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

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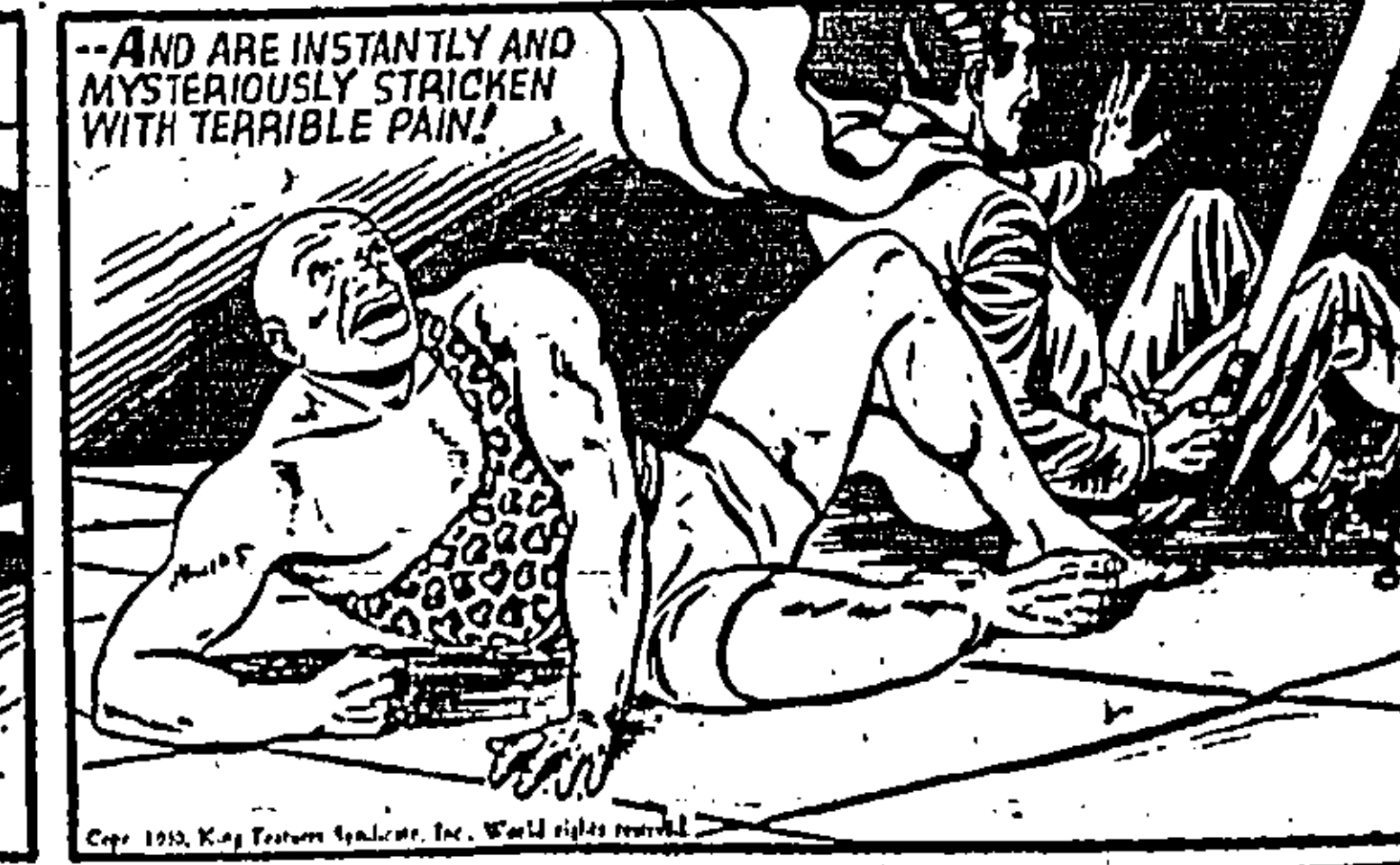


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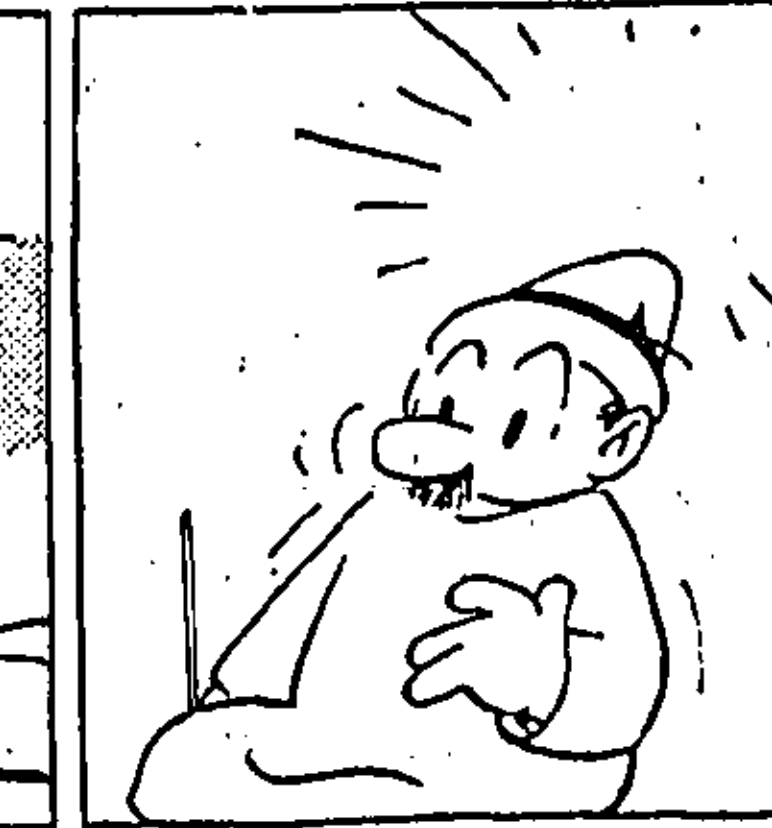
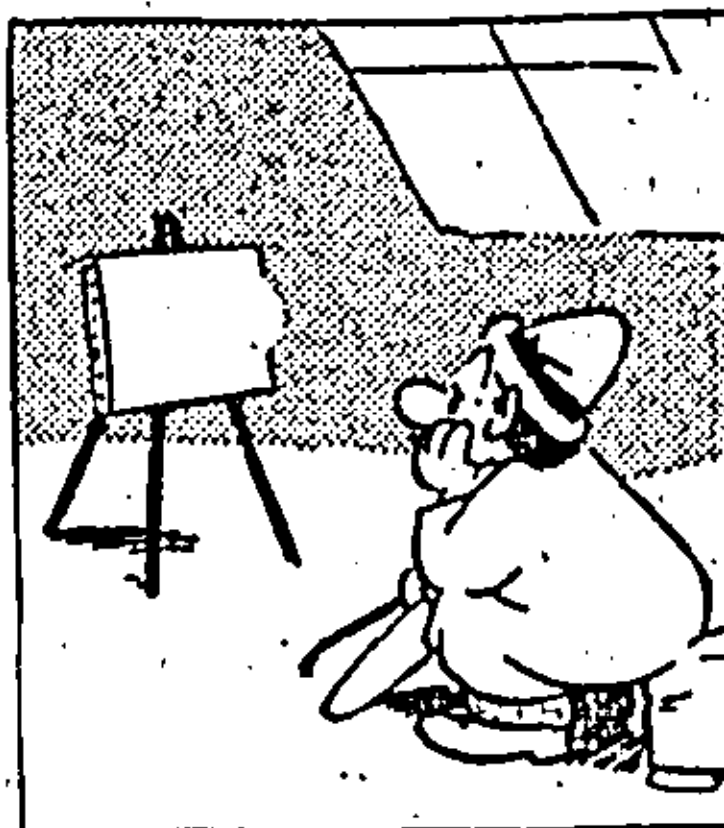
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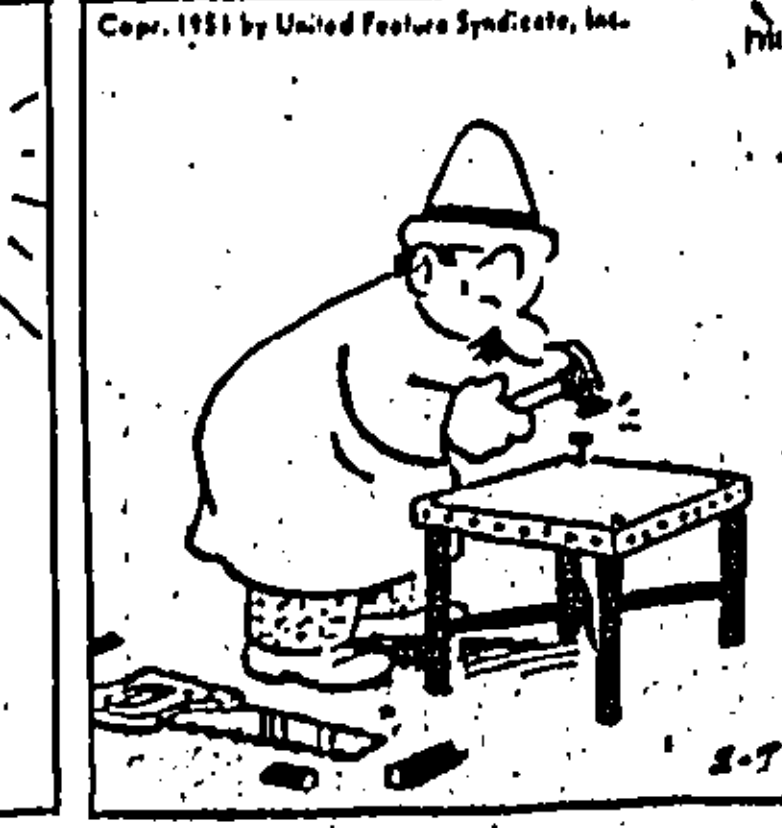


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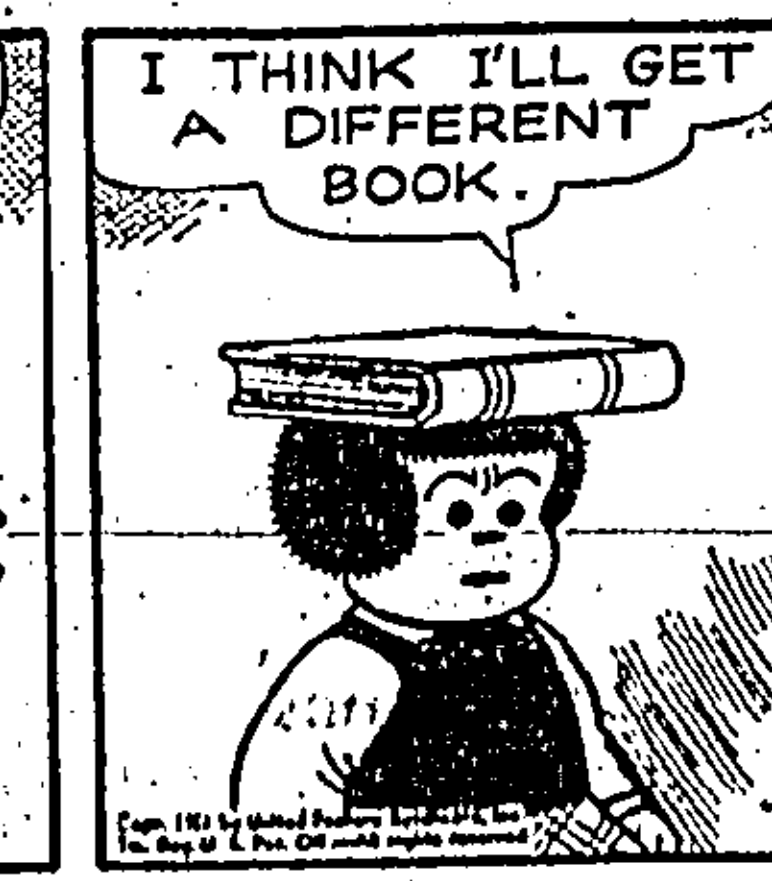
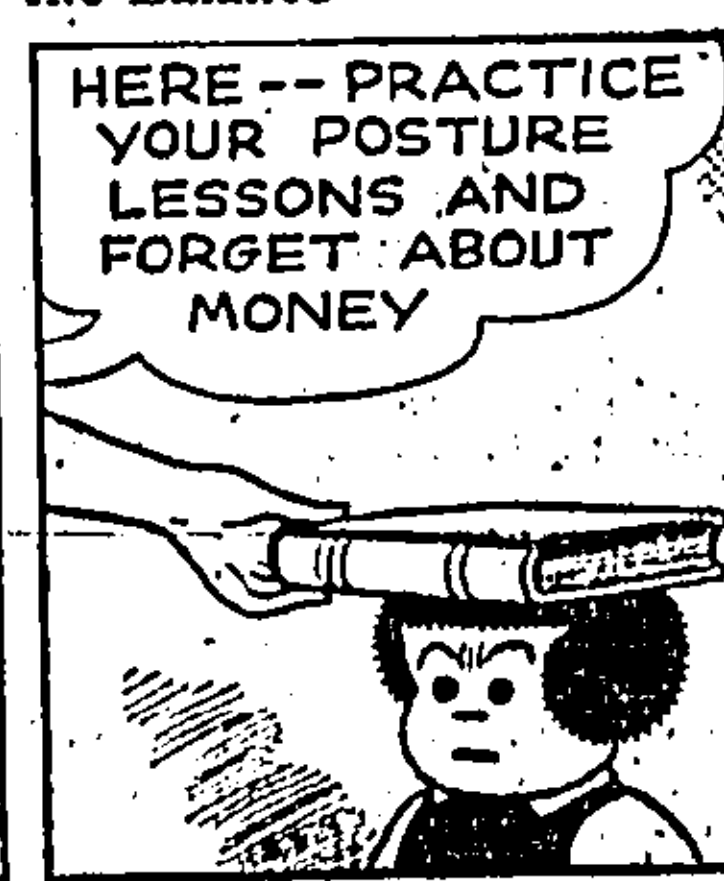


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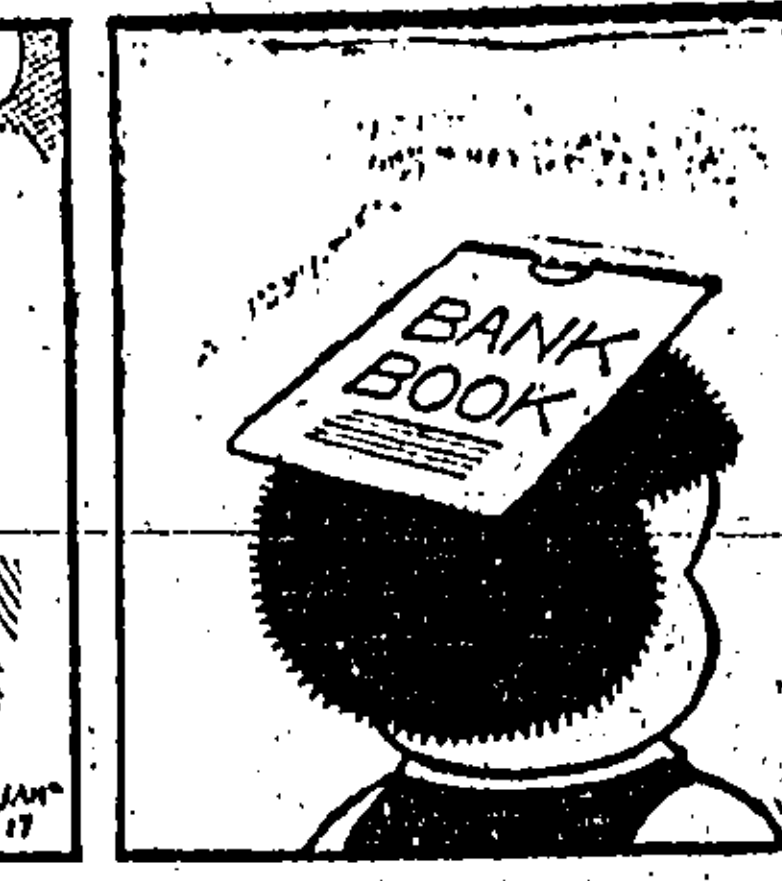


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Shah Goes On Pilgrimage

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Meshed, in north-east Persia, is a famous Persian shrine where the Prophet Imam Reza, Mohammed's oldest direct descendant is buried.
The Shah's friends said that this trip indicated that his health is much improved. (Early this month it was announced that the Shah had postponed a projected State visit to Jordan on April 8 owing to sudden, unexpected trouble.) The Shah is expected to return to Teheran tonight.—Reuter.

Truman Policy Defended

St. Louis, Apr. 24.
Mr. Oscar Chapman, Secretary of the Interior, said here today that a "third world war could not be prevented by moving into a new continent and starting an unlimited new fight."
"President Truman has been both courteous and level-headed. From the beginning he has guided us along the only pathway that can lead us to peace and freedom," he said.
"We will never buy a temporary shameful peace by selling out the cause of free men to a power-hungry dictatorship."
Mr. Chapman was addressing the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.—Reuter.

ISRAELI APPEAL

Los Angeles, Apr. 24.
The Israeli Ministry of Transport and Communications, Dr. David Ben-Gurion, who is in Los Angeles on behalf of the \$500,000 Israeli bond issue to be floated in the United States, told 700 representatives of the local Temple Shalom Synagogue that the funds would make Israel a leading industrial nation in the Middle East.—United Press.

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London, Apr. 24.
Further indications of the effect of the British defence programme on the manpower situation are given by employment figures issued by the Ministry of Labour.
They show that unemployment fell by March 12 to 274,900, its lowest level since June last year.

While there is normally a decline in the numbers of unemployed during February, the new level represented a drop of about 27,000 over the four weeks, compared with 25,500 over the same period in 1950.

Meanwhile, the total working population, which usually shows a decline in February, had risen by the end of the month by 12,000 to 23,201,000. Of the aggregate increase 6,000 were men.

This was also the extent of the increase in the labour force employed in the main rearmament industries, metals, engineering and vehicles, compared with a rise of only 2,000 during February last year.

The rate of increase in these industries, which jumped by 4,000 in January, was therefore continued. Their total labour force is now the highest it has ever been since the reclassification of industries in 1948.

Another significant feature was an increase of 3,000 in workers employed in chemical manufacture.

The basic industries as a whole had a decrease of 2,000 in employment during the month. The number of miners rose by 4,800 but agricultural labour is estimated to have declined by about 6,000.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Apr. 24.
Prices of grain futures closed here today as follows:-
Wheat—price per bushel
Spot 2.40-1/2
May 2.37-1/2
July 2.34-1/2
September 2.31-1/2
December 2.28-1/2
Corn
Spot 1.24-1/2
May 1.23-1/2
July 1.22-1/2
September 1.21-1/2
December 1.19-1/2
Soybeans
Spot 1.00-1/2
May 1.00-1/2
July 1.00-1/2
September 1.00-1/2
December 1.00-1/2
New York futures—per 100 lb. each
Wheat 1.00-1/2
Corn 1.00-1/2
Soybeans 1.00-1/2
United Press.

Aid Plan For Indonesia

New York, Apr. 24.
Sir Mirza Ismail, United Nations technical assistance resident representative for Indonesia, will leave here for Djakarta on May 27 to take up his new post.
The former Prime Minister of Hyderabad and Mysore States told the Press here: "I am confident that the experience and disinterested services of United Nations specialised agencies can be of considerable value to Indonesia in developing what are among the richest resources of Asia and in helping her people to achieve higher living standards."
"I hope that my own experience in India is facing similar problems may be of use in a country in which I have many friends."
The assistance plan is being financed under the expanded programme of technical assistance for the economic development of under-developed countries.—Reuter.

Japanese Bonds In London

London, Apr. 24.
Japanese bonds (4 1/2% of 1950) 41-1/2
" (4 1/2% of 1951) 42-1/2
" (4 1/2% of 1952) 43-1/2
" (4 1/2% of 1953) 44-1/2
Consols 67-1/2
New York, Apr. 24.
Japanese bonds weakened and Brazilian issues showed strength in the foreign dollar section of the bond market today.—Associated Press.

Exchanges In N.Y.

New York, Apr. 24.
Closing foreign exchange:
Belgium 1.98 1/2
Switzerland 23.17
Others unchanged.—Associated Press, N.Y.

London Stocks Firm Up

London, Apr. 24.
Word that the Labour Government plans to avoid a general election at this time led to general firmness on the London stock Exchange today. British Government bonds perked up all along the line, some showing gains of up to 1/4 of a point at the close.
Industrial shares were mixed but plus signs were in the majority. Shipping and copper issues moved higher.
Financial Times Index: 131.2.—Associated Press.

U.S. PLACES CEILINGS ON PRICES

Washington, Apr. 24.
The Government today placed the ceiling on the first big price rollback by clamping ceiling prices on 75,000 manufacturers who do a \$70,000,000,000 annual business in items ranging from candy to television sets.

Simultaneously, the Secretary of Agriculture, Charles Brannan, said the Government may eventually have to resort to subsidies on milk and certain other foods to stabilise prices. It would be unfair to farmers for the Congress to lower their minimum prices, he said.

The new ceilings, effective on May 28, allow manufacturers to charge only pre-Korean prices plus actual increases since then in their material and factory wage costs.

The order replaces the general freeze imposed last Jan. 25. Among the products affected are radio and television sets, refrigerators, washing machines, furniture, hardware, automobile tyres and other rubber goods, paper and paper products, most chemicals and many building materials. Automobiles were among the products specifically exempted from the order.—United Press.

Selling Hits Wall St.

New York, Apr. 24.
A sudden wave of selling late in the session pushed prices down fractions to around US\$1 a share today after the stock market had wavered uncertainly during the first four hours of trading.

A few stocks dropped as much as US\$2, but most of the losses were fractional.
Transfers totalled 1,420,000 shares.
Six hundred and twenty-two issues declined and 247 advanced.
Among stumblers were Douglas Aircraft, Armour and Company, Consolidated Edison, Sinclair Oil, Texas Company, Gulf Oil.
Gainers included Union Oil of California.
Dow Jones averages:
Stocks 92.70
20 Industrials 254.18
15 Railroads 82.03
10 Utilities 42.30
—Associated Press.

The Rubber Markets

London, Apr. 24.
Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:-
Number 1 rubber 57-1/2-58-1/4
in cents per lb. 57-1/2-58-1/4
June 57-1/2-58-1/4
October/December 53-1/2-54
Singapore Market
Singapore, Apr. 24.
Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:-
Number 1 rubber 196-107
per lb. April 193-1/2-194-1/2
May 191-1/2-192-1/2
June 191-1/2-192-1/2
Number 2 rubber 188-100
April 183-103
Number 3 rubber 177-179
April 177-179
Spot rubber 108-109
unbanded 144-149
Black crepe 205-210
No. 1 pale crepe United Press.

Malayan Rubber For Russia

Singapore, Apr. 24.
The Russian freighter Vilnius sailed for Odessa today carrying 6,000 tons of Malayan rubber—the biggest such single cargo ever shipped to the Soviets.
The cargo is valued at \$2,500,000.
The rubber was purchased before the Government imposed its export control over exports on April 9.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN PUTTING LAST TOUCHES TO THE BIF

Exhibits Valued At £10 Million

London, Apr. 24.
Some 3,000 artists, designers, painters, carpenters, electricians, plumbers and labourers are now at work at Earls Court and Olympia in London, and at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, putting the last touches to the 30th and biggest-ever British Industries Fair.

This year's fair, with a rough evaluation of exhibits, &c., approaching £10,000,000, is the first event in the six-months' Festival of Britain season.

The fair opens at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, April 30, and will run until 4 p.m. on Friday, May 11. It will not be open on Sunday, May 6.

When it opens, workers will have erected stands for 2,861 exhibitors in 80 industries. They will have moved into display positions over 2,500 tons of machinery, equipment and goods, and will have laid for the first time at any B.I.F. over one million sq. ft. of stand flooring—actually 1,028,584 sq. ft.

This figure represents stand space only, and does not take into account the 30 miles of gangways which emphasise the vastness of the B.I.F. as an annual undertaking. Each exhibition hall is on the scale of a town, and the three halls together require more than 1,000 miles of electric wiring and cable, over 50,000 light fittings, some 10,000 power points, nearly 4,000 telephones, and enough electricity, gas and water to maintain a community of 140,000 inhabitants.

MANY FACILITIES
The buildings have emergency hospitals, town-sized telephone exchanges, generating stations, banks, post offices, police forces, fire brigades, clubs, restaurants, bars. They have their own railway stations and bus services, and the Birmingham section has, in addition, its own airfield.

Outstanding features of this year's fair will include the textiles and clothing display at Earls Court. With 249 manufacturers presenting their latest export products on stand space totalling 145,410 sq. ft., this will be the biggest show of its kind ever to be held in Britain.

At castle Bromwich there is another biggest-ever group display—of contractors' plant—presented by member firms of the Federation of Manufacturers of Contractors' Plant. This show, mainly in the outdoor section because of the size of the exhibits, covers 70,000 sq. ft.

Manufacturers from almost every part of the United Kingdom will be represented among the 2,861 exhibitors. England provides 2,772 of them, the London and southern area leading with 1,378 and the Midlands following with 502. Scotland is represented by 50 manufacturers, Wales by 30, and Northern Ireland by nine.

OVERSEAS VISITORS
Special cards have been sent out from B.I.F. headquarters in London, and from Government commercial posts overseas, to 200,000 buyers in 141 territories inviting them to visit the fair.

The circulation of invitation cards for the B.I.F. is based on a mailing register compiled year by year from personal details collected from every overseas buyer who visits the fair, and from lists of overseas contacts supplied by exhibiting firms. The register, which is confidential, is probably the most complete of its kind in the world. Additional mailing lists are maintained by the commercial departments of the British Government posts abroad, who issue invitations independently.

The organisers of the fair are optimistic that buyer reaction in most countries will be up to last year's record level, when attendance of buyers from more than 100 territories totalled 16,005.

American commerce marketing specialists at the Economic Cooperation Administration will again be present at the fair to assist exhibitors seeking entry into the United States market.

Reflecting Britain's need to maintain dollar exports in face of the heavy demands of her rearmament programme, the E.C.A. exhibits will present four themes: (1) America's regional markets; (2) the way to U.S.A. markets; (3) British goods in American markets; (4) American Government services in Britain for British exporters.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

Transactions on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning totalled \$239,000. Noon prices and business done:-

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES
BANKS
HK Bank 1385 1400 80 @ 1380

INSURANCES
Union 740 45 @ 740

DOCKS, ETC.
N. P. Wharf 5.10
Dock X 13
Provident X 30 1/2

LAND, ETC.
HK Hotel 5 1/2 @ 5.05
222 Land 40 1/2 @ 500 @ 1.05
Shua Land 1

UTILITIES
Tram 500 @ 11 1/2
C. Light (B) 5.00
Electric 22 1/2 @ 100 @ 23

TELEPHONE
(N) 500 @ 10 1/2
1500 @ 9.25

INDUSTRIALS
Cement 10 10 1/2 @ 200 @ 10 1/2
Steel 12

STORES, ETC.
Dairy X 11.60 12 500 @ 11 1/2
Watson 17 1/2 @ 150 @ 17
Crowford 25 1/2 @ 600 @ 25

COTTONS
Dow 2.00

TIN MARKET FIRMNESS

London, Apr. 24.
The tin market was firmer today. Turnover was 130 tons, including 40 tons for cash.

Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:-

Spot tin, buyers 1.165
Spot tin, sellers 1.170
Business done at 1.165
Three-months tin, buyers 1.140
Three-months tin, sellers 1.145
Business done at 1.140
Settlement 1.165
—United Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Apr. 24.
Domestic sugar futures No. 6 closed one to three higher.
July 5.77
September 5.64
November 5.60 nominal
Domestic sugar futures No. 5 closed quiet with no sales.
May 5.67 nominal
July 5.69 bid
September 5.70
March 5.23
Raw sugar spot 5.05 nominal
—Associated Press.

Pepper Market Dull Affair

New York, Apr. 24.
The black pepper market remained a dull and featureless affair. Buyers and sellers marked time, awaiting the Korean war news and the issuance of the long-awaited import order.
On a nominal basis, spot pepper was quoted at between \$1.04-\$1.05 a pound, ex-dock.—United Press.

TEXTILE MARKET

New York, Apr. 24.
The cotton textile market was dull with all sections of the industry awaiting a new textile pricing order. Offerings of re-sale print cloths increased slightly, with prices tending lower. The popular 60-square print cloth sold as low as 27 1/2-cents a yard in prompt delivery in second hands.
The wool goods market was dull as mills and buyers awaited further pricing developments at Washington. Demand for rayons was poor.—Associated Press.

Shipping Companies' Complaints

Colombo, Apr. 24.
The Ceylon Government may request a Royal Commission to investigate allegations of delays in unloading ships at Colombo, the Times of Ceylon reported today.

These allegations were made by shipping companies who had announced a surcharge of 25 per cent on freight rates from Britain and Continental Europe to Ceylon, the paper said.

It added that the official view was that the Government would demand proof of the allegations. If they were correct, the Government would have to take over the loading of the ships itself, and would then have to assume some form of "control" over ships using Colombo's port, the article added.

Colonel Paul Alfred John Heron, chairman of the Colombo Port Commission, said that congestion had occurred only within the last month owing to the heavy purchases of rice from Burma.

Only some half a dozen ships had been affected during the first three weeks. There was no justification for the surcharge in his view.

A senior Government official said that the matter was being considered at the highest level. He declined further comment.—Reuter.

Quiet Trade In Cotton Futures

New York, Apr. 24.
The cotton market went through another quiet session. Prices rallied briskly at the close, taking cue from the strength in grains and the firmness in other commodities. Traders divided their attention between the Korean war news and evening up operations in May delivery before the first notice day on Wednesday.

A leading spot firm sold around 20,000 bales of May delivery against purchases of 10,000 bales of July and December deliveries. Spot market remained at the ceiling price. Open contracts at the start of trading totalled 379,500 bales. The market opened 7 points higher to 2 lower. It backed and filled over a narrow range, then moved up in the last hour to close very steady and unchanged to 15 points higher.

Prices closed as follows:-
Spot 48.00
May 48.30
July 49.10
October 49.10
December 49.10
March (1952) 49.10
May 49.10
October 49.10
—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

New Orleans, Apr. 24.
Cotton futures closed unchanged to 80 cents a bale higher.
May 45.39
July 45.02 bid
October 39.77
December 39.24
March 39.27
Spot cotton was unchanged at middling 44.91.—Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:-
Sterling note (per £1) 15.00
U.S. dollars (per \$1) 6.1225
Indonesia guilders (per 100) 3.70
Siam bahts (per 100) 20.50
Singapore (Straits) 1.775
FIC piastres (per 100) 13.85



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Iranian Govt To Crack Down On Communists

Teheran, Apr. 24.

The Iranian government has decided to crack down on the Communists, who have become increasingly active during the past few months, a high-ranking official said today.

The source said that Government Ministers decided on counter-measures against the Reds at a meeting at the Foreign Ministry after receiving information that the Communist-led, outlawed Tudeh Party planned a mammoth demonstration on May Day.

Information reaching the Government said that the Tudeh Party, banned in February 1949 following an abortive attempt to assassinate Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, planned to plaster the city with posters demanding reinstatement of the party and calling on Iranians to parade and demonstrate in Teheran.

The nature of the Government's planned counter-measures was not disclosed, but the source said the Ministers of War and Interior, the Chief of Police, the Army Chief of Staff and the deputy Foreign Minister had formed a "National Security Council" to act against the Reds.

The Communists had been under cover for about a year, but became active again as the Soviet Union and Iran got on better terms. Recently they have been acting under the cloak of such organisations as the "National Association for Struggle against the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company." The source said: "The Communists have been getting out of control. They exploited every means of creating disorder. The Government now is going to put a stop to it."

MADE FALSE REPORT

Angelo Oscar, 22, of 36 Catchick Street, second floor, was fined \$50 or one week by Mr. Lattimer at Central this morning for causing a public mischief.

Sub-Inspector W. M. Gingles prosecuting said that at about 10.50 last night, defendant rang up "999" from Blake Pier reporting that he had lost his wallet. When a Police party under Sub-Inspector Gingles arrived, defendant was not to be located. Later upon his return to the pier, defendant denied having used the telephone and having lost his wallet.

Defendant pleading guilty to the charge said that he was under the influence of liquor.

In Honour Of Charlie



Among 60 guests who celebrated the 62nd birthday of Charlie Chaplin at the Savoy were David Farrar, his seven-year-old daughter, Barbara, who cut the cake, and Rosamund Johns. But Chaplin himself was 7,000 miles away in the United States. And no one at the party had met him personally. Host was a film executive.—London Express Service.

Today's Trials In Canton

Today is "Denunciation Day" in Canton and is to be marked with a mass meeting at the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, in which thousands of people in all walks of life are expected to be present, according to a Chinese press report.

The report further says that this rally is held by the common request of the people, who wish to see that all reactionary elements are weeded out of the province and justice done to those who suffered injustice at the hands of the landlords and Government officials during the reign of the Nationalists.

Twenty-three persons, alleged to be Nationalist agents and landlords, will be arraigned before Huang I-ping, the Military Tribunal Judge at the Memorial Hall this afternoon.

Among them are Chen Chia-ching, charged with the murder of General Yang Chieh in Hong-kong and Chow Tung, charged with arson and murder of the Soviet Consulate staff in Canton during the split between the Kuomintang and Communists in 1927.

The report adds that the trial will be broadcast and can be heard in the entire province and Macao.

CHEVALIER IS PEEVED

Quebec, Apr. 24. The French actor, Maurice Chevalier, who arrived here today, said that the United States did him "an immense injustice" in denying him entry because he signed the Stockholm peace pledge.

M. Chevalier, who came in the 20,000-ton liner, Empress of Canada, admitted that he had signed the petition but added, "Yes, I did it, but in good faith. Thousands of Frenchmen have signed it."

M. Chevalier said, "Someone came around asking: 'If I was against the atomic bomb, would you use it and, well, nobody uses the atomic bomb.' The visa was refused to the actor by the American Embassy in Paris.—Reuter.

Youthful Divan Keeper

An 18-year-old youth, Chan Yik, was arrested for keeping an opium divan on the roof of 559, Canton Road. He was fined \$500 by Mr. Winter at Kowloon this morning and two opium addicts were each fined \$40.

Big Gold Bars Seizure

\$1,000,000 Worth Confiscated

More than \$1,000,000 worth of gold bars were ordered to be confiscated to the Crown by Mr. Winter at Kowloon this morning. The bars totalling 3,600 taels were found on six persons each carrying 600 taels, when a party of police visited the mv Glenartney anchored at A2 buoy yesterday.

The police first arrested three men, Ho Hon, 20, unemployed, giving his address as room 200, Sing Kwong Hotel, Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, 30, unemployed, 15 Fa Yuen Street, ground floor and Tsang Sei, 38, unemployed, residing at 38, Ferry Street, ground floor. They were taken into custody in the smoking room of the vessel.

Some time later three other men, Pang Wah, 40, of 22, Yee Wah Street, 1st floor, Lai Wah, 30, seaman, 47, Cheung Sha Wan Road, ground floor and Wong Pui, 37, seaman, 3, Nanking Street, 1st floor, were arrested when they came on board.

This morning the six men failed to appear before Mr. Winter to answer the charge of illegal export of gold worth their bail of \$100 each were ordered to be detained.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

Clearly each letter stands for a digit, and the digits must be such that O.I.N.E. multiplied by 4 gives R.A.D.I.O. while O.I.N.E.R.A divided by 2 and multiplied by 7 gives another combination of these six letters. Moreover, the trial will show that O.I.N.E.R.A is 433333; then R.A.D.I.O. is 433333 and 7 is represented by 3 and 2. The 7 and 2 refer in fact to thirteenth and fourth combination of the digits respectively recurring decimal. —London Express Service.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. Bob Fitzsimmons, who won the title in 1897.
2. Five and a half yards.
3. The Italian greyhound and a terrier.
4. The Indian Ocean.
5. The blackbird.
6. Swimmers or contrabanders paying 12 to break the force of waves and protect a harbour.

KIDNAPPING TRIAL

Accused Man Gives Evidence

The case for the defence in the trial of three Northern Chinese who are accused of the kidnapping of a 12-year-old schoolboy, Stephen Ho, in Kowloon on January 30 last was continued this morning before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gault, at the Criminal Sessions. The boy was detained in a cave on Lion Rock for two days and nights.

The accused charged were Wong Sau-po, alias Ting Sau-po, 38, Tsui Ngai-man, alias Au Po, 32, and Cheung Min, 42. The first and second accused were additionally charged with uttering a letter demanding \$40,000 with menaces from Mrs. Ho Yeung Hae-sung, mother of the schoolboy, while the third accused was further charged with the robbery of a wrist watch from the boy.

The Prosecution is being conducted by Mr. J. Reynolds (Crown Counsel), assisted by Det.-Insp. T. Kavanagh. The accused are conducting their own defence.

Testifying in the witness-box, second accused denied his alias was Au Yeung-wah. He said he had formerly been a journalist in Nanking and prior to his arrest was working for a local magazine. He denied all knowledge of the kidnapping of the boy or of the uttering of a threatening letter. He only came to know of the affair, he declared, after his arrest. He repeated allegations he had made earlier that statements he had made to the Police had been obtained from him under duress.

Cross-examined by Crown Counsel, accused admitted that he previously lived in a flat in Canton Road but had moved to a boarding-house on February 1. It was purely a coincidence, he asserted, that it happened to be the same day that first accused was arrested. He denied he had written articles under the pen-name of Au Yeung-wah. He moved to the boarding-house because he wanted better accommodation and because he had received a gift of \$300 from a clansman named Tsui Wah A. A statement had been made to the Police as done at the suggestion of Insp. Kavanagh, he alleged, who told him to incorporate something about the kidnapping with anti-Communist activities.

A REFUGEE

Third accused said he was a refugee and lived at Junk Bay. He came to the Colony last December. Four or five days before the incident of which he was accused he met a man named Tsui and another man named Wu in Kowloon. He was introduced to Wu whom he was told would be able to arrange a passage for him to Taiwan, where he wished to go. He met Wu again another day and Wu told him to meet him at Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon City, in three days' time. On January 30, accused was on his way to stay with a friend at Wong Tai Sin when he met Wu who was accompanied by a child. Wu told him there was some trouble in the child's family and asked accused to look after him in the meantime. Accused was told to take the child up a hill, and Wu left. Wu returned the following morning with food and added that the trouble in the child's family was still unsettled and that the child must remain with him, (accused).

Third accused denied he had robbed the boy of a watch. He said he had the boy's consent to use his wrist watch as he wanted to keep time. It was not true, he declared, that he had snatched the watch away from the boy.

The trial is proceeding.

WARNING TO FISHERMEN

A directive has been issued by the Chinese Communist Naval Headquarters in Canton, warning all fishing boats not to come into prohibited waters in the Outer and Inner Lintings and Man-shan groups of Islands, says a Chinese press report.

Any vessel ignoring the order will be fired on.

The report adds that Communist patrol boats are out at night watching for trespassers.

HARDOON BUILDING ACTION

Cross-Examination Of The Defendant This Morning

The only property he ever sold out of the estates left to him by his adopted mother, which were valued at CN\$120 million in 1941, was a small piece of vacant land in Hardoon Gardens, David George Hardoon told the Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, Counsel for the plaintiff, in cross-examination, when the Hardoon Building action continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, in the Supreme Court this morning.

This land was sold for US\$15,000 to Jen Dao Chen, plaintiff, in final settlement of a loan of US\$26,542, Hardoon said.

Plaintiff claims that by an agreement entered into between him and defendant on February 28 last year, the Hardoon Building situated at the corner of Nanking Road and Honan Road, Shanghai, was sold to him for HK\$505,000. He is seeking a declaration from the Court that the defendant had agreed to sell the property at that price, and asks for a conveyance of the property.

Defendant claims that the transaction was a mortgage loan and not a sale or any agreement for sale and in the alternative, that if the transaction were a sale or an agreement for sale, it was unfair and should not be enforced.

Last week, his Lordship held that the Court had jurisdiction to hear the case. The question had been raised by Counsel for the Defence.

Appearing for the plaintiff are the Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, and Mr. Brook A. Bernatchi, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva. Defendant is represented by Mr. John McNeill, KC, instructed by Mr. B. N. Cooper, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist.

The cross-examination of defendant which commenced yesterday was resumed this morning.

Hardoon told Mr. d'Almada that he did not in a position to place any value on his properties in December 1949. He did not think their values had been seriously affected by the Communists' entry.

FINAL SETTLEMENT

The only piece of land out of the properties which he inherited from his mother in 1941, which were then valued at CN\$120 million, was a vacant plot in the Hardoon Gardens. This was sold for US\$15,000 to plaintiff, and was to be treated as final settlement of a loan he obtained from him for US\$26,542.

Hardoon said that a promissory note for HK\$25,000 given to plaintiff, which he subsequently redeemed, had contained a statement that the title deeds of the Hardoon Building had been pledged as security for the loan. He said it was unfortunate that this note had either been lost or destroyed.

In re-examination, Hardoon told his Counsel that if tax in Shanghai was not paid on due dates, there would be heavy penalties. He declared that his office in Shanghai never asked him to remit money for the purpose of paying tax.

Y. T. Sun of Prince's Building said that he was a member of a property valuation committee in Shanghai, both under the Kuomintang Government and the present regime. He held an official appointment to value property. Witness was of the opinion that the value on Hardoon Building, situated at the corner of Nanking Road and Honan Road, with an area of about 2.7 mow, was about US\$240,000 in January and February, 1950. Hearing is proceeding.

"Nye" Withholds Opposition

London, Apr. 24. The House of Commons tonight agreed to the general principle of a bill to legalise the charge of half price, for States spectacles and deodars, one of the causes of the resignation of Mr. Aneurin Bevan and, following him, of Mr. Harold Wilson.

Mr. Bevan did not today push his opposition to a division and as the Conservatives favoured the change there was no vote. Mr. Hilary Maughan, the Health Minister, told the House that the charges need not be regarded as permanent. About half a dozen Labour Members of Parliament, including a dentist and an optician, criticised the charges.—Reuter.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Slam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Formosa, 5 p.m., H.K. Airways.
Japan, Korea, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m.; 4.30 p.m., as Yu Men/Tak Shing.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Slam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m.; 4.30 p.m., as Yu Men/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m. train via Canton.
Japan, 10 a.m., as Norddeutscher Lloyd.
Ceylon, Malaya, Madagascar, Middle East, Europe, 2 p.m., as Aeneas.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Canada, U.S.A., 6.30 a.m., via C.P.A.C.
Formosa, 10 a.m., C.A.T.
India-China, France, French North & West Africa, Great Britain, 10 a.m., Air France.
Slam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar, B.N. Overseas, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., Q.E.A.
Formosa, 5 p.m., H.K. Airways.
Macao, 8 a.m.; 4.30 p.m., as Yu Men/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m. train via Canton.
Philippines, 10 a.m., as Holmianland.
Malaya, 2 p.m., as Anking.

US Mission To Formosa

Washington, Apr. 24. Deputy Defence Secretary Robert Lovett said today 500 men may be assigned to the military mission to Formosa.

The departure of the initial group for Formosa was announced last week.

Mr. Lovett told a news conference the size of the mission would be increased by 400 to 500 men, but declined to elaborate on the reasons.

He said the purpose of the US mission is to train, equip and advise the Chinese Nationalist forces. He declined to comment when reporters asked whether the Nationalists might receive equipment and training designed to help them invade the mainland of China.—Associated Press.

SPANIARDS DEFY GOVT.

San Sebastian, Spain, Apr. 24. Thousands of Spanish workers defied government threats of dismissal from their jobs on Tuesday to go on strike against high cost of living across the industrial and commercial life of two northern provinces.

Estimates of the number of strikers in Guipuzcoa and Vizcaya provinces ranged up to 300,000, and the strikes were spreading.

Scores of suspected strike leaders were arrested, but no violence was reported.

Strikers prolonged the work stoppage into the second day despite stern warnings from the civil government of both provinces to return to work at 7 a.m. or face being fired.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"John" doesn't change him any more! He stuck himself with a pin, and I'll see that Jackie never learns what language!

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